

Leeds July 2^d 1862

My dear brother

I was so glad to get Lizzie's letters - one last night and the other night before with the package of fruit, that I feel inclined to direct to her but it is "all in the family" and I shall not know whether I am talking to you or Lizzie as I go on. By the way I don't know who to thank for the fruit - That which I have not eaten looks very inviting upon the table - I have so much to thank my kind friends for that it makes me dumb altogether in attempt to express my gratitude. I heard you one day assuring Mrs. Sibby of our gratitude for what she had done, and mentioning our great obligation to her and I was ready to thank you for so doing. I rec'd all the attentions & care ^{from Mrs. L. Miss Stetson & others} for me, as I would from a mother or sister - just as if it would be unnatural to thank them however grateful I might feel.

from Swinson - I am glad Lizzie thinks of accompanying you - I suppose I shall not go up - Fourth of July, the day don't amount to much you know. Mr. Perry & wife, Mr. Lottrop it also talk of going up. There will be an extra train up & back. Flora Dunn just came in to see me on her way to school. Likes her teacher very much. What a bright, cool, pleasant morning to make people cheerful & happy. I wish I could be made more regardful of the great giver of these blessings. - Col. Roden is quite aspiring. Roland & Lavinia will be at Sw. Falls. - You see I shall have reporters there, so beware! Don't forget to thank Uncle Hicks for me - I will not need to have him send any more at present as we now have a "meat-coat" visit the town regularly - My kindest regards to Dr. W. ^{Mr. &} Mrs. Sibby, Miss Stetson - Lizzie is too kind to write me so often - I am abundant in love to her to be shared with the little ones - Guy's letter was a great treat to both

One and two - I am - The letter is dated but the date is wrong - The day is good - I am -

I told John yesterday that he might go back today. I believe he began to ask about the time ^{of returning} before we got here Saturday and every day would ask if he could not go. Every night Thomas has come to him to ride. He has a good deal to say about riding up to see the "School Mistress". This is Eva you know. But he is so disappointed I think he better go back. And I shall be able to get along quite comfortably without him here with mother. Rollin Gilbert set up with me last night. I have enough to do for a week to come. My leg is doing well - Discharges much less - none from the outside aperture - you may mention to the Dr. if he inquires. The knee about the same. I sat upon the sofa nearly all day yesterday - more comfortable than I can see now. Capt. Sumner spent part of the forenoon with me - Peter & Peter's afternoon - Francis Lathrop & wife evening. Mr. L. had seen you - also got news of Capt. Jewell's arrival before Lizzy's letter arrived.

He was returning from Iaco with his brother Elias' remains which had been brought thither from California. He had there interest last night in the Leeds Cemetery. He brought news of the reported change of our line & the advance of our left - but my Journal arrived last night & I intend to read it when I have finished this.

When we got news of the recent attack upon our right I told father I thought McMillen would throw forward the left taking advantage of the absence of so many of their troops - But wasn't it remarkable that Meeker's Brigade should have been sent over & apparently no other troops from the left? How badly is Gen. Jackson wounded? Poor Beeth. And then Gen. Johnson must die! The ways of Providence are unsearchable. You and I are saved we know not for how long a service in this world.

I was in hopes you could arrange to make us a visit either going or returning

Leeds July 4th 1862

My dear brother

Lest you and my other dear friends at Auburn should commiserate me too much upon being compelled to remain quietly at home this 4th of July day and more than this as you might reason, being compelled to lie upon my back I thought I would write a few lines tonight that you might know what a pleasant, happy day I have had. (I make it a rule to write one letter a day but this is additional and comes from the impulse mentioned which I will add come over me not long after eating a nice supper. And this leads me to one source of my contentment. My Appetite is good and you must know that I have everything I could ask for its gratification. You are one of those who ignore nice things to eat and follow the maxim of our (own) father who used to say "a man ought not to know what he

all the fruits must be slow to show themselves. But I will hope that the radical work is done upon this great day. The Lord (as I trust) comes often to me in great mercy & abounding grace and gives me peace & faith and a little love. I think he has not been far off sometimes lately. Sometimes taking ^{my} Testament I go with him to the synagogue & temple & he will teach & hope I am not of those "who having ears hear not" Every day of late I have ^{thus} gone back & accompanied Jesus in his walks while a brief sojourn upon earth. He took me today to the Mount of Olives - Oh that I might be an earnest & attentive disciple. I pay attention because I find so much in his words & deeds which had before escaped me. - It is growing dark. I think it might have been arranged so you & Lizzie & either part or whole of your family could have spent tonight with us. I should be thrice glad any day to see your beloved countenance. - With great love

To your family & kind regards to inquiring friends -
 Thanks for papers &c. given affectionately by you. Charles

had for dinner an hour after eating it."

But to me this always was "an hard saying". Particularly today how could I forget tender steak for Breakfast - Pickersoll for dinner & fresh strawberries for supper with other luxuries too numerous to mention accompanying each. But to mount up to the higher before you become disgusted. I had a very amusing communication from the Sec'y of my College Class to answer this forenoon. Wm. Bates called to see me and seemed to enjoy his call in the morning. Last night's paper was read with interest by me. I enjoy the variety of sitting upon the sofa in such a way that I can get a view from two windows & into the dining room.

This afternoon Miss Huldah Bates came & spent some time here most agreeably to me. While she was here my eye fell upon a paragraph in last night's paper relating to Gen. O. O. Howard which I began to read, but really it was so adulatory that I had hard work to wobble through - and I can't imagine what a modest man like the

General can do with such. I trust they fall upon his mind like water upon a dry cloth (to take an illustration very familiar to me just now) to roll off without leaving even a sign of their presence. Oscar came in just before night & brought my welcome Boston Journal with a letter for you. The accounts little less discouraging tonight. Mother read some excellent religious pieces to me this afternoon from the Zion's Advocate - her paper - What I have written gives you the accessories to my happiness - But the main source I think has not yet been mentioned. The Lord visited me early in the morning when I first waked about 4 o'clock - It was half a dream and half a wakeful prayer. I found myself thinking "This is our national birth-day" & then praying "O Lord give us today a new birth" - "O let our nation be born again" - And may I not dare to hope that the inception of the new birth if not before, has been inaugurated today?

Bath July 5th 1861

My dear Genl.

I find that the Law
of 1796 provides for remuneration
for horse killed in action. This
"Act" allows a sum not exceeding
£200. I can not find that this
"Act" has been amended or modified,
so that I presume you may receive
the value of both your horses not
exceeding that sum.

I find nothing requiring the
Officer to be summoned, or evidence
taken. The witness required of the
Officer is, either, the affidavit of the
Co. M^r. of the Corps to which he
was attached, (which I suppose
would be Capt. Barker) or the
statement, properly authenticated,

of two competent witnesses. Two of
your staff, I apprehend would be
sufficient. I will prepare the papers
as you may desire, the affidavit
of Capt. Barker if you think best,
or perhaps the statement of Charles
and myself. There is some question,
perhaps whether you could recover
for the Rhode Island case, as you
were not on trial, and he was not
actually in your service at the
time. Would it not be as well to
let Chaix collect for him. He requires
him as his animal. I suggest this.
You will be here with me soon, and
then we can prepare the papers. I shall
expect you with Mr. Adams as soon
as you have visited your mother.

Affairs on the peninsula do not look
favorable. I fear the friends have
had a hard time. I am anxious
to hear from them. I trust that God
in his mercy has spared them. Mrs.

Samson writes that she has arrived
at "Old Point" from Saragat, having lost
all her baggage in the disaster. No
other letters have been received here.

I almost feel that I ought not to
be here, I have this, that I ought to
offer my services to the Gov. in the
organization of the new Agents. What
do you think of it?

We shall expect you here at an
early day. Please give my regards
to Mrs. A. the children or also to
Chas. when you see him.

Very truly yours,
J. D. Smalley

Wm. O. Warrick

Green, July 12/61
Genl. O. C. Howard,
Dear Sir,

An Extract from
a private letter of mine
appeared in the N. Y. Eange-
list, some two weeks since.
That article so expresses my
respect and christian love
for you, that you will
not be surprised if I re-
quest your permission to
christen my little boy, - ~~now~~
(to day four weeks old.) -
"Howard" Merrill, in the
hope that, if spared, he
may not prove himself
wholly unworthy the name.
I am rejoiced to hear
that your health is being so
far restored as to enable

you to attend the convention
mentioned in the Independent,
and especially to
learn that your brother is
recovering - whom I sup-
posed to be mortally
wounded. Please give
him my kindest regards
& Christian sympathy.

My own health is
now, after a long con-
finement, rapidly improv-
ing, and I hope permanently.

Very Respectfully,
Andrew Menell

P.S. I hear that Dr. Wells, who took my
place in the 61st, is reported a
prisoner at Richmond, together
with Capts. Deming & Spencer,
first wounded and hav-
ing their legs amputated,
also Adj. Gregory slightly

wounded. During the recent
battles the 61st has lost in killed
wounded & missing 119 - exclusive
of those lost at Fair Oaks, leav-
ing, according to my informant
less than a hundred effective
men. When I joined the
regiment it numbered 775,
all apparently well; when I left
it had been reduced by sick-
ness, disability, & death to
between five & six hundred able
to do duty; at Fair Oaks 417
entered the battle and at
the recent battles only about
200 were able to use their
arms. How the facts tell
of the honors of war, and
how they call, as if from
the grave, for reinforce-
ments to our noble army
of the Potomac. A.M.

Barboro, Me.,
July 14th 1862.

My dear Howard

Pardon the liberty that
an old college friend takes in thus
addressing you so familiarly after
years of separation. You will per-
haps scarcely recognize in the Rev. Wm.
S. Southgate, the "Scottie" of old Bowdoin,
but he is the same, only a little im-
proved I trust in respect to inward
condition. Being here on a visit to
my aged father, I spent yesterday
in Portland, and returned here in
the evening. Just before leaving the
city I happened to hear that you
were there, and so hastened at
once to pay my respects to you, and
to express to you, as an old friend,
my hearty and thankful appreciation
of your worth services in behalf of
our distracted country. Above

all I wished to tell you how
much I rejoiced as a Christian
minister in hearing of the faithful
witness you are bearing everywhere
for the blessed Jesus. As a na-
tive of Maine, a son of the same
Alma Mater, and a friend, I am
proud of your well-earned distinction
among the brave defenders of the
Constitution and Laws, the rights and
the integrity of our dear Country.

But I am proud of you as
a manly, earnest, and faithful
soldier of the Cross. I wished
to tell you this face to face with
you yesterday; but as I failed to
see you then, excuse me for writing
it now, as I may never see you
again in the flesh. It is possible
however, that I may be included in
your new command, should you be
assigned to you as your Brigade
the new regiments now being raised
in our State. I sincerely wish
it might be so. Nothing would

our Union. I have expressed a de-
sire to some of the prospective officers
of the 17th Regt. for the position of
Chaplain in that Regt. My Cousin,
C. B. Merrill, has the appointment of
Lieut. Col. - "Bill Watson", of college edu-
cation will probably be one of the captains.

There, I believe are pious men. But
the Col. is not, and is probably in-
differeant to the appointments of any
one to the Chaplaincy. If consistent
with your position and feelings, and
you have no better choice, could you
send my application to him by a
word of recommendation? But this
by the way, it is an after thought. I
did not mean to trouble you by asking
a favor.

Thanking God for your
noble example as a soldier and
a Christian, I am most truly,

Your friend & brother in Christ,
Wm. S. Southgate.

Gen. J. O. Howard,
Newtown, Me.

delighted to have you - I
hope a kind Providence
will protect you & Otis
on your journey and
keep him from getting
sick with his arm - I
hope the military & political
men will leave him to
the enjoyment of Religion
& its duties & services on
the Lab. at least - I
will always be happy to
get a line or be of any
service -

Yr. aff. Bro.

Rimland

Give much love to Charles
Mother & Father & your
dear little children -

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Framington July 16, 1862
Dear Sister Lizzie

I received
your note & also one from
Charles last evening. I took
nothing from Otis trunk
but the "Life of Whitefield".
I enclose a letter which
I received & mislaid so
as not to forward it to
you at the time - I hope
you can go to Bangor - Otis
wishes to have somebody with
him & no one so good as
a wife - I presume he
will go to Bangor tomorrow
via Jay & Leeds Junction.
Stopping at Leeds between
trains - I hope you will
go to Gil Stevens & that
Otis will not forget

Among his many new
friends an old friend of
mine & his. Dea W. S. Bennett
Cathier of Norumbega Bank-
& Dea Wheelwright. whom
we saw in Portland. I
wish you would mention
them, particularly the former
to him & Frank also sent
me the paper & I liked
the Gent's speech as reported
in the "Advertiser" very much.
Ella & baby are well. Her
Beth Company came last
night. Mr. Patten writes that
he very much hopes that you
& Oss & family can spend
a little time with them
while in Bath. I hope so
too - particularly Sunday as
it is so near church &
Capt. Swall is so far up
town & they will be so

Washington D.C.

July 21st 1862

To

Genl. O. H. Howard.

Dear Sir - My
Neighbor & particular friend
Mr. A. Bowen of Quincy, Co. Va.
has put some claims against
the Federal Government in to my hands
to be adjusted - They are memoranda
- ms. in Pencil issued by your
when your command was up
to the Rappahannock River - I have
been intimate with Mr. Bowen
during all of the war & know him
to be a Union man & I am well
known here at all of the different
departments - if you will be kind
- enough to inform me what course
to pursue to get these claims into
such a shape as will be accepted
by the War department you
will confer a great favor.

Very Respectfully

Yr. obt. Servt

J. S. Smith

Cas. M. D. Mallock

Star office
Washington

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Washington D.C.
July 21/1882
Dear Sir -
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the District of Columbia. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the 25th inst. I am sure that your views on this subject will be of great value to the Board. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
John A. McPherson
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners

16 Wall St
New York July 22 '62

General

Enclosed please find
a form of oath. Consent to
take your own written
answers. Interrogations
and Cross Interrogations in
the matter of the Petition of
Mrs Virginia Scott of Bush
Hill Fairfax County Va
for compensation for dam-
age to her estate caused
by the United States Forces

From your
intimate knowledge of the facts
in the case you become a
most important witness for
the Petitioner whom for I
trust you will follow
closely the procedure indi-

1862
Chicago July 22

C. M. A.

called in the "consent"

The address of the Club
is J. H. Huntington Esq
Clerk Court of Claims Wash-
ington D.C.

Please inform me
of the receipt of this inclo-
sure and also, when ac-
complished, of the sending
to Washington the interro-
gatories and answers

Whatever Expense
you may incur I will
immediately reimburse.

Very respectfully
Yr obt. servt

Thornville Sumner

Brig Genl O O Howard

Of course its well enough to know
such a man as John B. Douglass
and so I guess I'll go. If I do
I shall have to bid you good bye
right off. You know "good bye"
means "God be with ye" and
I never use it in any other
sense. If you can find time
let me hear from you (at Bangor
as I can be sure of letters there)
but whether you write or not
you may be sure that you have
one.

Friend & Bro in X.

Wm Douglass

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Bangor, Maine Mass. July 22
Monday

Bro. Howard.

You see by the date that I am
on the wing again and as I have heard
nothing from you since I wrote some
time since I conclude that you must
be very busy - and as you will not
object to receiving a line from your
friends at any time - at least if
you are like me in that respect.

I hardly know either where to
direct this to insure your receipt of
it - but will trust to the well
earned reputation of your noble
brother for its safe delivery -

You will see that I have but
little to communicate that will
be of interest - but I do want

to send you some of the good wishes
from my heart which is always
full of them for you - I am now
at one of my Massachusetts homes
- with Bro. Ruggles folks - enjoying
myself very much - I am also on
my way from Comm. at Andover
to Bridgewater where I am going
to visit with my Bro. until time
to begin a "High School" in Orrington
Maine. Hope I shall be able
to get the school in Holden which
you were to have - I left Bangor
on the 1st of July and your S. S. Class
passed into Mrs. Nobles hands. Hardly
know whether you would be pleased
with the arrangement - & so, had nothing
to do with it - Dea. Godfrey managed
the affair alone - Had them but two
Sabbaths - Have heard nothing from them
since leaving -

We are all looking anxiously today
for more battle news from Bull Run.
Hope there will be something done to
make those cowardly fellows smart
for the injury they did on Monday.
They seem to be as strong however
that it will be next to impossible
to drive them out without a great
many more men. There are two
Regiments forming in Worcester now
and there is some talk of drafting
if there are not more offered soon.
If it comes to that you may expect
to hear from me "loitering" in place
of someone who don't want to go -
Mr. James' Band of Hope are coming
out from Worcester into a grove on
Mr. Sings place, this P. M. - Mr. G.
is going to speak to them on Temperance.
He invited me to come and go to
his house afterwards to spend the P. M.

Boston July 23³¹². 62
127. State Str.

My dear Sir-

I am taking the liberty
of addressing you, in order
to obtain some information
in regard to the state of the
enlistments in Maine at
present - & whether, if from
the state of the war I am oblig-
ed by duty, to enlist & then seem
to be a good prospect of it / I
could in any way obtain
any Commission as Lieut, in
any of the Regiments from
Maine.

Heretofore I have felt that
as I am situated, I could not
afford to give three years, or
more.

to a soldier's life, when there
were plenty of others who could
wishes to go. but now our
country seems to need every
man, & altho it will be at
the sacrifice of a business
just established, I am ready
to obey the call which comes
from our Potomac Army, for
"more men" - if it is not
answered by the country better
than it apparently is being
now.

This is my first step in
the matter & I tho't if I could
get some position (having had
a few months experience in
drill) in Maine, I should
prefer it to one in this state.

It is with great pleasure
I learn you are so rapidly
recovering from the terrible
wound, we were all so much
grieved to hear you had received
and I sincerely trust nothing
may prevent your speedy &
entire recovery.

I must apologise for
troubling you in this matter,
but by giving me the desired
information at your earliest
convenience. you will greatly
oblige.

Yours Respectfully,
B. Vaughan.

To
Maj. Gen. Otis Howard.
Lucas.

Harrisons Landing Va

July 24. 1862

Dear General.

Your kind favor
was gladly received in due time,
but a multiplicity of "Corking Cares"
have prevented my answering it
until now. The weather is very
warm, and one feels languid at
best, and it requires something of an
effort to get up steam enough to
write a letter. So much time has
elapsed since the six days fighting
that I presume you have heard
from other sources all the news
of any interest to you. Your little
Brigade was as usual in the thick
of it, and as usual fought well, as
its decimated ranks but too plainly
tell. Once during that retreat it
saved this grand Army from being

route. It was when McCall's division
was attacked on the left. They have
begun to give away when your old Brigade
came to their assistance and saved
them. It was there that the lamented
Connor fell and Col Johnson wounded.
The 81.st after expending every round
of their ammunition stood in their place
and kept the line going with their
bayonets. The 61.st came out with
159 men and one officer besides the
Colonel. Report says that General
Calwell behaved well. Miles fought
like a perfect tiger and Scott was
wounded in the leg. Capt Hazzard
has his leg broken the day before at
White Oak Swamp with a Canister
Shot. He is now at Fort Mc Henry
and is doing well. I suppose you
have heard that Miles has been promoted
to Lieut Col of the 61.st Dr Palmer
is still here but his functions as Brigade
Surgeon are suspended. He is now

in the Reserve Corps of Surgeons and does not belong to any one in particular. — He is talking about coming home. Capt Parker since all his transportation he does not feel very well and also talks about resigning. The former Capt Senales horse yesterday, but it will be next to impossible to send either yours or his home. "Father Israel" is away at Fort Munroe on sick leave and Gen French is in command. Rumor says that Gen Richardson don't care about staying any longer, his young wife and baby possess attractions too potent to be resisted. Can't you manage to get the Division. I cannot learn whether Gen Caldwell considers himself as permanently assigned to this Brigade or not. He has no staff as yet but what little there is left of yours — He is a very fine gentleman, and a man of large and cultivated mind and with the necessary experience as

doubt do well. Gen Sherman
as well as even. Lt Hammond def
has been released and has gone to
New York. Capt Taylor is at Fort
Mumfry, sick. Pettit is also
for 20. days. Col Langley died
Col Cross is on his way back. I hear
Maj Cook has resigned. Gen
McClellan has been receiving
various commissions this week. The President
was here the other day and looked
over. How long we shall remain
I think is a doubtful question.
The troops are all in position
the lines established and also
entrenched. The enemy are within
within five miles of our lines at
The officers generally seem to have
lost confidence in McClellan.
I think the politicians at Washington
more to Ham. Dr Welles of
the C. T. was taken prisoner and
Came to Richmond. He was
released a few days since.
He tells of prices of various articles

of subsistence that seem almost
 to fabulous. We saw. Lie. Longstreet,
 & Kuyper and others. And says there
 seems to be but one sentiment among
 both officers and men and that
 to fight it out and never to
 give. They admit to have lost
 terribly but that only makes
 spirit more furious. Mr. Abner
 is here, doing as much good as
 ever. he has a little business
 stocked with his publications and
 all kinds of delicacies for the
 sick. We were all glad to hear
 of Capt. Senells appointment.
 He will make a splendid Col. if
 he can have a good Lie. Col. to do
 the majority of the manual labor -
 success to the gallant Colonel.
 We are sorry to hear that Charles
 does not recuperate faster.
 I think he must have had an

ugly wound. besides he is not very
strong naturally: Give my kind
regards to him. We hope the
bracing air of Maine and the
kind attentions of loving hearts
will yet bring him up again.
As for myself. I am just as well
as ever. if you except one of "Toes
Comforters" under my ear. My cares
are just as numerous. and
my family just as clamorous
for food. Some of my friends
are trying to get another bar into
my shoulder straps. but I don't
suppose I shall feel any better
or have any more fun than I do
now if I should be elevated
a notch. You has indeed
been very good to me thus
far. to preserve me safely amid
all the dangers that have beset
my path. Many that I loved

have been cut down in battle,
and many more are languishing
on beds of sickness, and yet I
have been preserved. My little
family have also been kept
in health. The "business" begin
to think that Father does
not mean to come home.
Poor little fellows they know
but little of the anxious thoughts
that Father has concerning
their welfare. To hear of your
recovery is not the least of
my joys. God grant that you
may long be spared to bless
His name, whose love is your
great Comforter. I am sure
you have my humble prayers
for your continued health and
prosperity. I cannot, and I
am sure I do not wish to
think but what you will yet
be with us. Such has been

the havoc with your old Brigade
that you would hardly know
your friends. Perhaps the
"Junior" Staff. deserve a notice
Prentice has risen in proportion
as Mr Miles' honors have advanced.
Charles (alias the Corporal), has
attached himself to the Commissary
department for better or worst.
Sports a pair of my old straps, and
loves it very fine in great
style. Jerry has nothing to do but
now Mr Scott is away but enjoys
life. This he does to its fullest
extent. Nothing disturbs his
equanimity but shot and
shell. he says he "can't love them on now"
Now Gentl, if you don't get
weary of this medley of nothing
in particular and everything
in general I shall be glad.
Please write just a few
lines if you can find a
spare moment.

Truly Yours
Geo. W. Packer

Austin July 27th

[1862]

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My Dear Otho,

I suppose you will think it almost like hearing from the dead to get a letter from me; for while the papers keep me posted on all your movements, I suppose you have not heard of me since we met three years ago. The truth is that the war without diminishing my affection for my old friends, separated us so long and so completely that we have never got back to our old relations again, and I doubt whether I should have plucked up resolution to write even now except in my own interest. The truth is I am for the first time in my life completely discouraged. It seems to me that this Texas is becoming a perfect hell on earth. When I came here from the North after the 'break up', everything looked promising, and I thought I had only to count out the lost years of the war and begin life again where I left it, but things have been rushing on from bad to worse till now! Have you seen the report of the Convention on Disorder & Outrages? More than a thousand people murdered in thirty counties in the last three years! Massacres, highway robberies, mobs, murders, organized bands of scoundrels holding whole counties in terror, and driving hundreds from their homes. Even here in Austin, the quietest place in Texas, three highway robberies have been committed in less than two weeks. The convention has been in session for two months without taking a step towards forming a constitution. The civil authority is a nonentity and the military does nothing, while every-day things grow worse. Of course all business is prostrate; people almost

fear to travel. The country is overcrowded with
professional men and teachers, while the industrial
classes to support them are scared away. Though well
known here and with many friends I can find nothing
to do and see no present prospect ahead. I write
to ask you to give me a clerkship or some other
temporary means of support until times alter. I can
send you any amount of recommendations from the Governor
and other officials here, ~~and~~ though I believe you make
it a general rule not to patronize your relations,
and I am not very hopeful about the success of my
request. Of course I write this in confidence, and
do not wish it spoken of to our friends, for it is
rather a humiliating confession to make. Of course
I prefer something here in Texas, if you have anything
here at your disposal.

Give my love to your wife and family.

Gen W. C. Howard

Washington D.C.

Yours after con.

Wm. C. Otis

Care Baker & Raymond

Austin City

Since you were here I have
read Whitefield's life - O
may you ripen & bring forth
fruit in old age like him!
You know how he preached
& prayed for the French war -
Do the same - Dear Bro: for
our dear bleeding Country -
Lately the man just called
one of Nat's little ones - and
what we do for her we do
for him - My Bro: is speaking
all the time to arouse the
people - Charles (Bro) begins
to hobble on a crutch - David
grows & exhibit tokens of no more
separating - His mother is as
good as ever & sends much
love - Our meetings are
well attended & the standard
of piety among us is rather
above that of the cold heart
of the minister &
mult. Bro. in young
mult. Bro. in young

Hamington July 27/62
Dear Bro: Hammond

I lost sight
I scout of you in Portland
very much as a dog loses
his fox when the latter wades
in a stream - or put it "Indian"
2 "victim" if that is more elegant.
But the point is I think
of you very much as I do
of the "Separatist" - Hope you
are happy - but have no
sensible demonstration of it!
But as to you - I do hope
let you again in the flesh
(you & I have plenty) - Mr.
Headley wrote me a note
apologetic, in regard to the
way you & Mr. Leavell, being
warmer friends & more jealous
of my reputation, curtailed
my remarks as made at
the Portland meeting as reported

in "Congregationalist" - He is
coming in August. Can't
you now you come too?
Don't give yourself up
to your city proclivities alto-
gether but remember your
Country Cousins - Perhaps will
have an out-of-door meeting -
in Kilgus in this vicinity -
New Sharon (Rev. J. E. Adams) &
Milton (Rev. R. Emerson) are ripe
for your advent - A work
of Grace is just commencing
in each - & you, by the Grace
of Jesus, would give ~~them~~^{it}
great impetus - I didn't
speak of you as much as I
ought that night in Portland -
My conscience has since
troubled me about it - Forgive
me - He be more thoughtful
& truthful next time D. R. -
All honor to you, dear brother,

As a "Chosen Vessel" - a
Lady from Penn. spent night
before last with us & told us
about some of our dear
friends in that town finding
Jesus - The work there, unlike
here - seems to have nearly
stopped when you left, but
she says it will revive, if
you were to come again - About
50 are talking of joining New
Adams Church - 63 have
joined us since you were
here - I have this week started
for the War - dear brethren, the
best we have - May God
go with them - Dr. Alexander
Dyer, Gleason, Dow &c are
among the no. Thank God
that we live in an age
when men martyrdom is
possible - "for our people &
for the Cities of our God"

Berkley Va. July 28.

Dear General.

After a deal of trouble I have at last succeeded in getting the various accounts together so as to make up the Mess acct for May. Enclosed please find your Recd which you may send me when it is most convenient to you. Rumor says that I have at last received the additional bar. that I have toiled for so long, and thinking that perhaps you would be glad I have ventured to sign your Recd; officially. I have no news to tell you of any note. The Army remains in statu quo. I have a letter from the "gallant" Colonel today

Barker suggests that he storm
"Cat-hance" as his first military
operation. Grannis has been
appointed a 2^d Lieut. and
is now Adjutant of the 61.st
Scott has not returned as
yet, but will soon. Miles
flourishes well in his new
position. his only trouble now
is want of recruits. I think
the Doctor will resign soon
unless he can get a short
leave. My health is as good
as ever. Welcome from Capt.
McGowan today. He is at Fort
McHenry and is doing well.
The weather is very hot, and we
are now troubled with flies. It
is a perfect Egypt. Regards
to all. God bless you and
yours -

Sincerely Your Friend
Geo. M. Fallick
Capt & Co. S. Vols