
1706 7/2/1862

From: Charles [CH
Howard]

To: My dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-1655

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds July 2d 1862

My dear brother [Otis]

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 dont 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 attempts to express my gratitude. I heard you one day addressing Mrs. Libbey 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 for me & from Mrs. L., Miss Stetson & others as I would from a mother or sister – just as if it would be unnatural to thank them however grateful I might feel.

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 carried 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 discontented I think he rather go back. And I shall be able to get along quite comfortably without him here with Mother.

Rollin Gilbert sat up with me last night. I have enough offers 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 then & can see more. Capt. Turner spent part of the forenoon with me. Betsy Bates afternoon. Francis Lothrop & wife evening. Mr. L. had seen you – also bro't news of Capt. Sewall's arrival before Lizzie's letter arrived. He was returning from Saco with his brother Elias' remains which had been brought thither from Calafornia. He had them interred 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 severe attack upon our right I told father I thought McClellan would throw forward the left taking advantage of the absence of so many of their troops. But wasn't it remarkable that Meacher's Brigade should have been sent over & apparently no other troops from the left? How badly is Col. Jackson wounded? Poor Heath. And then Gen. Jameson 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 from Livermore. I am glad Lizzie thinks of accompanying you. Guess I shall not go up. Fourth of July speeches dont amount to much you know. Mr. Berry & wife, Mr. Lothrop et al. talk of going up. There will be an extra train up & back.

Flora Turner 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. Barlow is quite aspiring. Roland & Cynthia will be at Liv. Falls – you see I shall have reporters there, so beware! Dont 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-cart” visit the town regularly.

My kindest regards to Dr. W. Mr. & Mrs. Libbey, Miss Stetson. Lizzie is too kind to write me so often. Give abundance of love to her to be shared with the little ones. Guy's letter was a great treat to both me and Grandma. The latter is beating butter down cellar. She has a good girl.

Your affectionate br.

Charles

1707 7/4/1862

From: Charles [CH
Howard]

To: My dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-1656

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds July 4th 1862

My dear brother [Otis]

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 came over me not long after eating a nice supper. And this led 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 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, Pickerell for dinner & fresh strawberries for supper with other luxuries too numerous to mention accompanying each.

But to mount up to the <height> 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 aloud but really it was so adulatory that I had hard work to stumble through, and I cant 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 Lion'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 to-day 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?

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 today. Sometimes, taking my Testament I go with him to the synagogue & temple & hear him 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 say attentive 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 which of your family could have spent tonight with us. I should be thrice glad any day to see your beloved countenances.

With great love to your family & kind regards to inquiring friends. Thanks for papers &c. I am

affectionately yr. br.
Charles

1708 7/5/1862

From: F.D. Sewall

To: My dear Genl [OO
Howard]

OOH-1657

Bath

Source: Bowdoin

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Bath July 5th 1862

My dear Genl

I find that the law of 1796 provided for remuneration for horses 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 recover the loss of both your horses not exceeding that sum.

I found nothing requiring the officer to be mounted or evidence thereof. The evidence required of the loss is either the affidavit of the Qr. Mr. 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 horse, as you were not on him, and he was not actually in your own use at the time. Would it not be as well to let Chas. collect for him. He regards 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 Mrs. Howard as soon as you have visited your mother.

Affairs on the peninsula do not look favorable. I fear our friends have had a hard time. I am anxious to hear from them. I trust that God in his mercy has spared them. Mrs. Sampson writes that she has arrived at "Old Point" from Savages, having lost all her baggage in the retreat. No other letters have been recd here.

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

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

Very truly yrs.
F.D. Sewall

Genl. O. O. Howard

1709 7/12/1862 *From:* Andrew Merrell

To: Gen'l O.O. Howard

OOH-1658

Geneva

Source: Bowdoin

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Geneva, July 12/62

Gen'l O.O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

An extract from a private letter of mine appeared in the N.Y. Evangelist, some two weeks since. That article so expresses my respect and christian love for you, that you will not be surprised if I request your permission to christen my little boy, - (to day four weeks old) - "Howard" Merrell, 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 supposed to be mortally wounded. Please give him my kindest regards & christian sympathy.

My own health is now, after a long confinement, rapidly improving, and I hope permanently.

Very respectfully Yours
Andrew Merrell

P.S. I hear that Dr Willis, who took my place in the 61st is reported a prisoner at Richmond, together with Capts. Denning & Spencer, first wounded and having 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, leaving, 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 sickness, 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 horrors of war, and how they call, as if from the grave, for reinforcements to our noble army of the Potomac. A.M.

1710 7/14/1862 *From:* Wm. S. Southgate

To: Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-1659

Scarboro, Me.

Lewiston, Me.

Source: Bowdoin

Scarboro, 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 perhaps scarcely recognize in the Rev. Wm. S. Southgate, the "Scottie" of old Bowdoin, but he is the same, only a little improved 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 noble services in behalf of <> soon 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 native of Maine, a son of the same Alma Mater, and a friend, I am proud of your well-won distinction among the brave defenders of the constitution and laws, the rights and the integrity of our dear country.

But I am prouder 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 <> assigned to you or your Brigade <> the new regiments now being raised in our State. I sincerely wish <> it might be so. Nothing would <> me more. I have expressed a desire 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. "Will Hobson", of college memory will probably be one of the captains. These, I believe are pious men. But the Col. is not, and is probably indifferent to the appointment of any one to the chaplaincy. If consistent with your position and feelings, and you have no better choice, could you recomd 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. [Bowdoin class of 1851]

<> Gen. O.O. Howard,
Lewiston, Me.

[Note: The missing words are due to torn edges of the paper.]

1711 7/16/1862 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Sister Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1660

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington 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 ought 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 Gen'l Stevens & that Otis will not forget among his many new friends an old friend of mine & his. Dea Wm. S. Sennett Cashier 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 papers & I like the Gen'l's speech as reported in the "Advertiser" very much.

Ella & baby are well. Her Bath company came last night. Mrs Patten writes that she very much hopes that you & Otis & family can spend a little time with them while in Bath. I hope so too – particularly Sunday – as it is so near church & Capt. Sewalls is so far up town & they will be so 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 Sab. at least. I will always be happy to get a line or be of any service.

Yr. aff. Bro.
Rowland

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

1712 7/21/1862 *From:* G. S. Smith

To: Genl O O Howard

OOH-1661

Washington DC

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington DC
July 21st 1862

To Genl O O Howard
Dear Sir -

My neighbor & particular friend Wm A Bower of Fauquier Co. Va has put some claims against the Federal Government in to my hands to be adjusted. They are memorandums in pencil issued by you when your command was up to the Rapahanock River. I have been intimate with Mr Bowen during all of the wars & know him to be a union man, & I am well known here at all of the deficit 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 excepted by the War department you will confer a great favor.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt St
G. S. Smith
c/o M. D. Mallock
Star office
Washington

1713 7/22/1862 *From:* Thorndike Saunders *To:* Brig Genl OO Howard

OOH-1662

16 Wall St
New York

Source: Bowdoin

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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 Interrogation in the matter of the Petition of Mrs Virginia Scott of Bush Hill Fairfax County Va for compensation for damages 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 wherefore I request that you will follow closely the procedure indicated in the "consent".

The address of the Clerk is L. H. Huntingdon Esq clerk Court of Claims Washington D.C.

Please inform me of the receipt of this enclosure and also, when accomplished, of the sending to Washington the Interrogations and answers.

Whatever expense you may incur I will immediately reimburse.

Very respectfully
Yr obt svt
Thorndike Saunders

Brig Genl OO Howard

[Written on the back page]
Answered July 27 1862 C.H.H.

1714 7/22/1862 *From:* Dick Dongluf

To: Bro. [Rowland] Howard

OOH-1663

Boylston Center Mass

Source: Bowdoin

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Boylston Center Mass July 22 [1862]
Monday

Bro. Howard –[Possibly Rowland]

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, conclude that you must be very busy, and [set of three dots – symbolizing “therefore”] 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 rec’t 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. Am now at one of my Massachusetts homes – with Bro. Ruggles folks – enjoying myself very much. Am also on my way from Comm. at Amherst to Bridgewater, where I am going to visit with my Bro. until time to begin a “High School” in Orrington Maine. Hope Chum will 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 Mr. 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 there but two Sabbaths. Have heard nothing from them since leaving.

We are all looking anxiously today for more battle news from Bulls-run. Hope there will be something done to make those cowardly fellows smart for the injury they did on Friday. They seem to be so 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 “sogering” in place of someone who dont want to go.

Mr. James' Band of Hope are coming out from Worcester into a grove on Mr. Goughs 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. Of course its well enough to know such a man as John B Gough 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
Dick Dongluf

1715 7/23/1862 *From:* B. Vaughan

To: Brig. Gen. Otis Howard

OOH-1664

Boston
127 State Str

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston July 23. 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 obliged, by duty, to enlist (& there seems 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 soldiers life, when there were plenty of others who could & wished 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 (hav'g 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 pained to hear you had received, and I sincerely trust nothing may prevent your speedy & entire recovery.

I must apologize 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 [Probably Benjamin Vaughan, b. 3 Nov 1837]

To
Brig. Gen. Otis Howard
Leeds

1716 7/24/1862 *From:* Geo. W. Balloch

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-1665

Harrisons Landing Va

Source: Bowdoin

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Harrisons Landing Va
July 24. 1862

Dear General,

Your kind favor was gladly received in due time, but a multiplicity of "canking 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 thickest 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 routed. It was when McCalls division was attacked on the left. They had begun to give way when your old Brigade came to their assistance and saved them. It was there that the lamented Connor fell, and Col Johnson wounded. The 81st after expending every round of their ammunition, stood in their places and kept the line good with their bayonets. The 61st came out with 159 men and one officer besides the Colonel. Report says that General Caldwell behaved well. Miles fought like a perfect tiger and Scott was wounded in the leg. Capt Hazzard had his leg broken the day before at White Oak swamp with a Cannister Shot. He is now at Fort McHenry and is doing well.

I suppose you have heard that Miles has been promoted to Lieut Col of the 61st. 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 Barker saved all his transportation. He does not feel very well and also talks about resigning. He found Capt Sewalls 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 dont care about staying any longer, his young wife and baby possess attractions too potent to be resisted.

Cant 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 will no doubt do well. Gen Sumner <is [CHECK ORIGINAL Page 4 right edge glued to Pg 5 left edge]> as well as ever. Dr Hammond has been relieved and has gone to New York. Capt Taylor is at Fort Munroe, sick. Pettit is also away for 20 days. Col Langley ditto. Col. Cross is on his way back I hear. Maj Cook has resigned.

Gen McClellan has been reviewing various Divisions this week. The President was here the other day and looked us over. How long we shall remain here I think is a doubtful question. The troops are all in position, the lines established and also entrenched. The enemy are not within five miles of our lines. The officers generally seem to have lost confidence in McClellan. I think the politicians at Washington <are> more to blame. Dr Welles of the 61st was taken prisoner and carried to Richmond. He was released a few days since. He tells of prices of various articles of subsistence that seem almost fabulous. He saw Lee, Longstreet, Huger and others, and says there seems to be but one sentiment among both officers and men and that is to fight it out and never to yield. They admit to have lost terribly but that only makes them more furious.

Mr. Alvord is here, doing as much good as ever. He has a little building stocked with his publications and all kinds of delicacies for the sick.

We were all glad to hear of Capt Sewalls appointment. He will make a splendid Col. if he can have a good Lt. 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 "Jobs 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 in my shoulder straps, but I dont suppose I shall feel any better or have any more fun than I do now if I should be elevated a notch. God 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 "bairnes" 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 worse. Sports a pair of my old straps, and lords it over Jerri in great Style. Jerri has nothing to do now Mr Scott is away but enjoy life. This he does to its fullest extent. Nothing disturbs his equanimity but shot and shell, he says he "cant love them no how".

Now Genl if you dont 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. Balloch

1717 7/27/1862 *From:* R.B. Howard

To: Dear Bro Hammond

OOH-1667

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

Farmington July 27 / 62

Dear Bro. Hammond

I lost sight & scent of you in Portland very much as a dog loses his fox when the latter wades in a stream. Or put it "Indian" & "victim" if that is more elegant. But the point is I think of you very much as I do of the "Departed".

Hope you are happy, but have no sensible demonstration of it! But as to you, I do hope see you again in the flesh (you & I have plenty). Mr Headley wrote me a note apologetic in regard to the way you & Mr Sewall, being nearer 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 – won't you come too?

Don't give yourself up to your city proclivities altogether but remember your country cousins. Perhaps we'll have an out-of-door meeting. Two villages 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 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. I'll be more thoughtful & truthful next "time D.V." All honor to you, dear brother, as a "chosen vessel".

A lady from Bruns. 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 would revive, if you were to come again. About 50 are talking of joining Bro. Adams Church. 63 have joined us since you were here. 7 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 even martyrdom is possible - "for our people & for the cities of our God"

Since you were here I have read Whitefields life. O may you & I 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. Surely she may justly called one of Xsts 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 native depravity. 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 their minister &

Yr. aff. Bro. in Jesus
R.B. Howard

