
1719 8/6/1862

From: Rufus King Sewall

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-1669

Wiscasset

Augusta Me.

Source: Bowdoin

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Wiscasset Aug. 6 1862

Gen O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

Since my late interviews with you here & at Bath though I am above 45 years of age & not subject to a draft, yet if I can serve my country & my God in the army I am disposed to go. I have received a full collegiate Theological & professional education – have been much in southern latitudes – am sound & hale in body & mind & have for the past five or six years devoted my time to literary & historical pursuits one of the fruits of which is the accompanying copy of the Ancient Dominions of Maine, wh. with my respects I herewith present to you & as you are aiding in writing the name of our native state as high on the roles of fame, as this historical sketch will show you her position to have been in the past it may relieve some of the tedium of the hours of your camp life on the field in its perusal.

Now if there is a place for me within your military purview & I can go I am at your service, & that of my country though I have to leave five motherless children.

My military experience is limited to early sword exercise acquired in the art of fencing & horseback riding, though I am not ignorant of the use of firearms.

An early reply
will oblige

Truly your obt. Svt
Rufus King Sewall

Gen. O.O. Howard
Augusta Me.

1720 8/8/1862

From: U.S. Grant
Maj. Gen.

To: Maj. Gen. W. T. Sherman

OOH-1670

Head Quarters, Dist. of
West Ten.
Corinth

Comdg U.S. Forces
Memphis Tn.

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Quarters, Dist. of West Ten.
Corinth, August 8th 1862

Maj. Gen. W. T. Sherman
Comdg U.S. Forces
Memphis Tn.

Gen.

Herewith I send you an article credited to the Memphis correspondent of the Chicago Times which is both false in fact and mischievous in character.

You will have the author arrested and sent to Alton Penitentiary under proper escort for confinement until the close of the war unless sooner discharged by competent authority.

I am Gen. Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
U.S. Grant
Maj. Gen.

[added at the bottom of the letter]
Do you know the man. Find him out and arrest him.
W. T. Sherman
Maj. Genl.
Aug 15, 62

[Printed at the bottom of the page]
FAC-SIMILE OF LETTER WRITTEN BY GEN'L GRANT

[Written on the back page in pencil.]
Conrad Brown
88 Lookout Mountain
Berkeley

[Written on the back page sideways in ink]
Facsimile of letter from Gen'l Grant to Gen'l W. T. Sherman
Dated Corinth Miss, Aug 8, 1862

3692 8/9/1886

From: Frederick W.
Tompkins

To: Major-General O.O.
Howard

OOH-1671

320 California St [San
Francisco]

Source: Bowdoin

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320 California St [San Francisco]
August 9th, 1886

General and Dear Sir,

I send you by the same mail, a copy of the Grand Army Edition of the CALL. I take the liberty of asking your attention to the History of the Campaigns and battles, on land and sea, and the sketches of Generals and Statesmen, for the reason only, that they represent the results of much patient study in various Departments of American History.

Have the goodness to make allowance for the fact, that the writer is not a journalist, but a young lawyer, who turned his July Vacation to account in this way.

Very Truly Yours
/s/ Frederick W. Tompkins.

Major-General O.O. Howard,

[Written in ink on the back of the page, in a different hand.]
Ans. Aug 17. 1886

[Written in pencil on the back page.]
Conrad Brown
88 Lookout Mountain

1721 8/8/1862

From: J. L. Chamberlain

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-1672

Bowdoin College
Brunswick

Source: Bowdoin

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[Form Letter, except for the date, the addressee and the signature.]

Bowdoin College
Brunswick, August 8 1862

To Gen. O.O. Howard

Sir,

It devolves upon me to inform you that you are elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine.

An answer is requested at your earliest convenience.

J. L. Chamberlain Secretary

1722 8/9/1862

From: Samuel Harris

To: Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-1673

Bangor

Source: Bowdoin

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Bangor, Aug 9, 1862

Gen. Howard,

My dear Sir,

I learn that you are to take command of our new regiments. You will be selecting staff officers. It has been suggested to me that Lieut. Frederic E. Shaw of the 18th regiment may be a man that you would like. He is a member of the church to which I minister here, has been active in our Sabbath School of which he is now the Secretary, & is an active Christian in prayer meetings & all the labors of the Christian life – a man whom we highly esteem & are very sorry to part with. He is a lawyer & has been in the active practice of his profession until last week. I am informed also that he has made military affairs a special study & knows more of them than any officer in the regiment, who has not already seen actual service. He has a noble wife & some 3 or 4 children, & in enlisting I believe is actuated as simply by patriotism & duty as any man that has gone into the service.

I am ignorant whether in view of pecuniary sup't & military rank a position on the staff is better than a 1st lieutenancy, but I suppose it may be pleasant to both of you, as Christian men, to be associated if the interests of the service are equally well presented.

With much respect,
Sincerely yours,
Samuel Harris

1723 8/15/1862 *From:* Henrietta C. Hewitt *To:* Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-1674

Wiscasset

Source: Bowdoin

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Wiscasset Aug. 15th 1862

Gen. Howard,
Dear Sir,

You will please excuse the delay in sending the Song, which I referred to when you were with us, and which I take great pleasure in sending today. I was obliged to wait till the Music could come from Boston, and my time has been so fully occupied in assisting in making preparations for our grand Union Festival, that I have neglected other duties. We have the satisfaction clearing over \$200, and hope to increase it considerably, by means of some other public entertainments, soon. I remember with the greatest satisfaction your kind visit among us, with this exception, that it was not in my power to entertain you at my own home, on account of our house being entirely in disorder from having a chimney torn down and rebuilt about that time.

I hope we may have the pleasure of again meeting you, & hearing from you.

Will you pardon me if I take the liberty to ask for your Photograph for my Album?

With the kindest regards,

Yours very respectfully
Henrietta C. Hewitt

1724 8/16/1862 *From:* J. Merrill

To: Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-1675

Wiscasset

Source: Bowdoin

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Wiscasset Aug 16 1862

Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir:

If Providence should open the way, I should be glad to serve our country in the capacity of Chaplain in one of our regiments. I have made application, through Brother Fiske of Bath for the Chaplaincy of 19th regiment. Capt Spear of this place who is in the 20th said he would speak to Col. Ames for me. If you can speak a word for me to the proper authorities, you will confer a favor, for which I shall feel greatly obliged.

Mrs M. joins with me in kind regards to yourself & family. We remember your visit to this place with great pleasure, & think that the results have been apparent in the increased patriotism of our people. Our quota of men was raised, & the ladies have raised some \$225, & three boxes of articles for the Sanitary Commission, & this against strong opposition by the secessionists.

I think Wiscasset on the whole has done well.

With the highest esteem

Yours very truly

J. Merrill

1725 8/16/1862

From: J.A. Smith
2nd Lt. U.S.
Engineers
Head Quarters 2 nd
Army Corporation
Maj. Gen. Banks'
Command
Army of Virginia

To: Gen. & Mrs. O.O.
Howard
Leeds,
Maine

OOH-1676

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Quarters 2nd Army Corps
Maj. Gen. Banks' Command
Army of Virginia
[ca. Aug 16, 1862] [written in pencil]

My dear friends,

I have been trying for a long time to get the opportunity of writing to you but for two weeks I have been very, very busy, and when not at my duties have felt so much exhausted that I could not write. Today I am very unwell but hope to be better soon. I enclose a letter to the General with reference to obtaining a commission from the Governor. I hardly think I may be fortunate enough to obtain it, still perhaps I do nothing wrong, to try.

I was quite fortunate in my orders from the War Dep't. as I was assigned to Maj. Gen'l Banks thus making me the only Engineer officer in this Army Corps. The General is a perfect Gentleman and is very social and agreeable. He is not a pious man, but never shocks the feelings of those who are, by profane expressions.

My associates are very kind, but are not the class of men I would prefer. I have few opportunities for seclusion, or religious thought and this makes me look with profound pleasure to those that are past. But let us hope that before long this wicked rebellion may cease, and that we may again enjoy the pleasures of peace, serving our Creator and our Country without shedding blood.

Please remember me kindly to your brother Charlie. I hope he is getting along well. My love to Guy and Grace, and a kiss to the little one for me.

My address is at the heading of this sheet.

Sincerely your friend
J.A. Smith
2nd Lt. U.S. Engineers

Gen. & Mrs. O.O. Howard
Leeds,
Maine

1727 8/18/1862

From: Jared A. Smith
Lt. Corps of
Engineers U.S.A.

To: Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-1677

Source: Bowdoin

Head Quarters 2nd
Army Corps.
Camp near Culpepper
Va

U.S. Volunteers

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Head Quarters 2nd Army Corps.
Camp near Culpepper Va
Aug. 18th 1862

Dear General,

When I left you in Maine, we had been talking of the organization of new troops from Maine into a brigade under your command, and also it had been casually proposed that I should get detached for the purpose of taking some higher position either in the "field" or staff of the command. Until the present however the War Dep't has opposed having officers detached. Recently an order has been given the Adj't General to detach any regular officer, who obtains a commission as a Colonel in any new regiments. I have now been a month in the field on the staff of Maj General Banks. My opportunities have afforded me great facilities for understanding the drill, discipline and management of regiments in the field, and I have been in one engagement which according to numbers, has been one of the hottest contested of the war. Should you think me competent for the position, it would gratify me much to have you recommend me to the Gov. as a Col. of some new regiment and I feel confident I should give you no cause to regret your influence in my behalf.

The engagement I referred to was on the 9th inst. at Cedar (or Slaughter's) Mountain.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Jared A. Smith
Lt. Corps of Engineers U.S.A.

Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard
U.S. Volunteers

1729 8/23/1862 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1678

Baltimore (Mullberry)
House

Source: Bowdoin

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Baltimore (Mullberry) House
Aug 23, 1862

Dearest,

You may be surprised to get a letter from Baltimore. I was taken by a kind gentleman to breakfast & take a short rest with the understanding that I should be <> for in time to accompany the Regt on leaving for Washington. I got to the Depot a little late, so I have come here to get my dinner & go on by the next train.

On Wednesday I had a pleasant ride into Portland. John Ivory met me in Brunswick. John Tantish was in Portland before me with the horse & met me at the Depot. I took a carriage with a young officer formerly of the R.I. 4th Lieut Monroe for the United States, where we dined. After dinner we walked down Middle St. I left him & made my way to Uncle Edwards. John brot the horse for me to ride out to the Regt. but I felt a little weary & concluded not to go. Sent him instead & learned that the 17th would leave the next morning at 7.

Mrs Waite was gone to get Susie's house in order in Mass. Uncle E. came in in the evening. But who should drop in upon me just at night but Peleg. He staid all night with me. He says he wants to be a Christian very much.

The next morning we rode to the depot & overtook Dr Wiggin in uniform & took him in. He left his home at 12 midnight. I slept on his <shoulder> last night, but I anticipate. We had a five hour run to Boston, marched to the Stonington depot & while the baggage was loading, Dr W & I went to the Winthrop house & got some dinner. We left Boston before 5 got on the Str. beyond Stonington at about 11 a.m. I had a State Room & a good sleep. We landed in Jersey City & I breakfasted, went on to Phila by two trains. I went with the first & 4 corps.

I ran up to Wm Merricks & found him gone on the "Iron Sides"& Maria out at the summer residence of his father. As soon as I stepped into the st. I met Bill & Louise Brewster & went home with them & took tea. All well & happy to see me.

The soldiers were all treated to a nice supper by the citizens of the city. At 11 p.m. we left for this place & arrived at 8 a.m. Today I am going in the ten minutes before four train. It is too far to go to Ft McHenry to see Capt Hazard. I shall write to him.

Tell the children that papa will kiss all the little boys & girls who have clean faces in remembrance of them.

Much love to Mother & all.

Affectionately
Yr. husband
Otis

1726 8/16/1862 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1679

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.
Aug 25, 1862

Dearest

A gentleman by the name of Abbot in Baltimore took me home with him. I found him his wife & little girl and his father & mother-in-law, ready to sacrifice everything for their country. They got very extensively acquainted with the officers of the 10th Me & seem to have been engaged in kindly offices toward them and other Union soldiers.

I left Bal at 3.50 P.M. & arrived here at about 6 – ten minutes after the Regt. I came directly to Mr Murdocks boarding house (Mr Harwells quarters) corner of “K & 12th Sts.” Mr Packard is with me (a most excellent young man). John & John board at Mrs Pauls. Horse came thro. nicely. I reported to Gen Halleck sat. night and met with so frigid a reception that I felt very badly, but I learned that he treated Gen Griffin & Gen Heintzelman in much the same “what did you come <herein> for” kind of style & also learned that this ungentlemanly kind of deportment was a part of his discipline. I became reconciled but have concluded not to trouble him again.

Yesterday I went to church at the Presbyterian. Had a pretty good meeting. Text “Ye are my witnesses &c”. In the evening saw Dean who boards here & I visited Miss Harris, daughter of the late Gov Harris of Me. I went thence to Mr Carrolls, found Sprigg now wounded in the breast. He was about the house though suffering, his right arm is still troubled from his fall. Mrs Sprigg Carroll was most affectionate in her inquiries for you & the children. Susan has gone to West Point sick, Mrs Carroll is at Newport R.I. Mrs Griffin was then at home.

I got the appointment of Mr Whittlesey, Asst Adj. Gen. This morning took in the recoms. of Mr H. Strickland to the War office, was received at the War Dept. by all hands with warmth. Saw Vincent, his wife at Ky. He enquired for you. Saw Gen. Heintzelman. He met me like a son, went into a Church hospital saw some wounded of my old brigade. I shall go back to my old brigade, but whether I shall stay or not is yet uncertain. I feel the heat & fatigue considerably, but am well. The 17th is now joining about 10 boats on this side the Potomac. The 16th on the other side. I shall be glad to see Chas & Mr Whittlesey.

Many kisses to Guy, Grace & Jamie. I want that little locket, dont forget to send it, & if I could have Guy's & Jamie's, I would be glad enough. I hope you will be well & not be anxious. God is good & he will deal with us in mercy.

I expect to find my brigade near Fredericksburg. Shall know today. Direct to Washington for the present – Sumner's Corps.

How is Mother? I saw Gen J. Williams remains had arrived at Newburgh - but Mrs W was not well enough to take them to Detroit. Poor lady. God must help her.

Gen McClellan's popularity is gone. Gen Casey says he let slip his Golden opportunities & is a failure. Gen Casey is well & hard at work organizing new brigades.

Much love to Lizzie my wife
Most affectionately
Otis

P.S. Kindest regards to Isabella. Love to Father & Charlie & Dell.

1728 8/22/1862 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1680

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C. Aug 22, 62

Dearest

I am to start this morning for Acquia Creek in the Steamer. Yesterday I drew my pay for August, assisted my friend Dr Wigin to buy a horse the day before by promising to meet the demand. The Dr came away without money & supposed he could get a horse & pay when his first accts. became due. His Regt is distributed around at ten different posts, & he was obliged to ride at once. He gave me his note & has sent home for the money.

I went down street & bought me a mattress, a bedstead, blanket & rubber blanket, an Indian rubber <tolma>, a blow up-pillow, a high back camp stool, a nice reconnoitering glass, some quinine and some <aurich>. I was looking for a mattress with a <merchant> & going towards a ware-house near the Penn. Avenue, when I saw a wagon (Rockaway covered) with a harness inside. He told me it was for sale at Auction – 40 dolls, the lowest limit. I gave him 40 & took a bill of sale. It is long enough for me to lie down in if I wish & the Addition horse drives in it first rate, so I wont always have to ride a horse-back.

Jno Ivory is a real good & faithful man – takes hold & washes & helps me as if he liked to. He understands that he is to attend to Chas. also. Write me still via Washington – Sumners Corps. I saw Mr Garcelon here last night. He is getting a contract for saddles.

Much love to all. I have'nt time to write more this morning for our time to leave has come. Kiss Guy, Grace & Jamie. Susan has married a good Engr dischgd soldier & gone to St Louis. Mo. I have forgotten his name.

God bless you darling.

Aff. Yr husband
Otis

\$40.00 enclosed

1730 8/28/1862 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1681

On Board "Golden Gate"

Source: Bowdoin

Alexandria Va

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On Board "Golden Gate"
Alexandria Va
Aug 28th 1862

Dearest,

I went to Acquia Creek yesterday and reported to Gen. Sumner. He immediately assigned, or rather asked of Gen. McClellan the authority to assign me to Burns Brigade Sedgwicks Division. Gen Burns is home wounded and it will be some time before he is able to return. This is a large brigade of five full Regts, all from Penn.

My old Brigade received me with great demonstrations of joy. John I. says a thousand men asked him if I was not to have command of them. I miss a great many old faces, but the remnant are weatherbeaten veterans with cheerful faces. Scott is well & back. Miles looks happy & fleshy. Col. Barlow was lean but is growing stout.

Last night after nearly all Sumners Corps had disembarked and my old Brigade had marched some six miles, the order came to reembark and proceed to this place. I am anxious to get settled. The order assigning me to Burns Brigade has not yet come, but there is little doubt but that such will be the disposition of me. We are to bivouac here near Alexandria for the present. I have very little news. Fitz Lee's raid & taking of Pope's baggage is all. We expect a general engagement before long, perhaps before this reaches you.

I do hope you are cheerful & prayerful. I want to have my heart filled with the Spirit of God, pray for it darling. I am perfectly satisfied with my reception here. Gen. Sumner not only received me with affection but has kept me here at his head quarters & entertained me. Capt Taylor abandoned his bed last night in order to give me a soft one on the floor. All the cordiality of other officers has more than made amends for Gen. Halleck's coldness.

Kiss Guy, Grace & Jamie, our beautiful little trio.

My poor friend Hazzard is dead, bled to death at Baltimore. He wanted to have his leg amputated, but the Drs. said not. God grant he died in Christ. His poor wife must indeed be lonely.

Good bye now darling. I sent 40 dolls in yesterdays letter. I want to hear from you. I hope Col. Sewall has left.

Much love to Father, Mother & all.

Yr aff. Husband
Otis

1731 8/28/1862 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-1682

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Thursday Aug. 28th 1862

Dearest

I received your second letter written from Washington to-day. I was very glad to hear that you had so pleasant a journey, but I see you were somewhat fatigued, and fear very much that you are not yet well or strong enough to be away from home and in the field.

Uncle Ensign and Laura visited us to-day. She has received a letter from her cousins since you passed through their city. They were very much gratified with your visit to them. Mr and Mrs Farwell just called here to day on their way to his Father's in Green. We expect, and very much wish them to be here to dinner to-morrow. I can now tell them where they will find you. They leave for Washington Thursday next one week from to-day, so if you get this letter before that time you can get fixed up for company and vacate if necessary.

I regret to hear of S.S. Carrolls wound. Give my kindest regards to them all. (Charlie directed a letter to you in the care of W.F. Carroll, Esq.) You did not mention little Katie. Both Guy and Grace asked about her when I read to them about Mrs Carroll. Guy will write to Susan now we know where she is. Guy was quite unhappy the day you left here, says he dont want Papa to come home wounded again and insists that he will the first time he writes to Papa ask him to resign before the war is over. I tried to comfort him, but the more I tried to comfort him the more the truth pressed him to myself and I ceased trying to give or receive comfort, but my trust is in the Lord "Let him do what sureth his good".

Charlie was to have taken me to Augusta this week. I want very much to go soon. Dellie has returned to College. Charlie sent the horse by the 19th Regt. I hope he will go with the 20th Regt leaving Portland Monday next, if he is able to go. I am sorry that this horse is so ugly, and worries himself so about little things.

When I ask Jamie where is Papa? he answers "didi, Char" which interpreted means, he has gone, to ride with Uncle Charlie. He came across your picture unexpectedly in my trunk, and rejoiced over it a great deal, repeating "ah Papa" a great many times, 'till he was sure I understood him, and rejoice with him. Guy and Grace have had their verses found and marked in your little Bible. I would'nt have you to try to write long letters Dearest, but do write often if possible.

A letter from Lieut J.A. Smith came since you went away. He would have liked to have gone with one of the new Regiments. Charlie answered the letter. He is the only Engineer Officer with Gen. Banks.

I send a short letter this time. Charlie encloses a note. Guy has just come in (I am finishing my letter in the morning) and sends his love to Papa. This will go by this mornings mail so I have not time to write much more. Grace has just come in and sends five kisses to Papa. Let us hear from you often and take good care of yourself.

Yours lovingly
Lizzie

1732 8/31/1862 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-1683

Leeds Maine

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Maine Aug. 31st /62

Dearest

I am very happy to hear from you so often. Two letters came last evening, with forty dollars enclosed. I have plenty of money now to get to house-keeping. You have not yet told me if you are as well as when you left us.

I am gratified to learn that you met with so cordial a reception from those you were so long associated with. I regret to hear of Capt. Hazzard's death, his poor wife must indeed be lonely. I suppose you have left Dr Wiggin by this time as the Regt to which he belongs is near Washington. I see you have made a number of purchases, hope you will make yourself as comfortable as possible. I am glad that you have got a carriage and hope you may always be able to have it along with you.

I presume you will see Charlie soon, may be before this letter reaches you. He left home yesterday to go to Washington with the 20th Reg't. I have written one letter to you before this, and directed to the "Corner of K and 12th Sts". You will not be at Mr Farwells when they return home this week. You gave a good account of John Ivory. I was glad to hear it. I hope he will prove just the man for you. Prof. Whittlesey and Charlie will soon be with you. I want to hear if you found your horse "Charlie". You mentioned your old Brigade, but not the horse.

The army news of late have been a little uncertain. The armies seem all mixed up. I will direct to Washington "Sumners Corps" 'till I hear whether you are assigned to "Burns Brigade" or not.

There are no services at the Church to-day. Mr Chapin attends the funeral of an old man, a Mr. Sumner, near the red school house. Mother and I intend to go to Augusta to-morrow afternoon. I want to be settled as much as you do. We shall go first to Hallowell to visit Mrs Wingate and to Augusta the next morning, and home in the afternoon. I presume I shall take Mr Norton's house if it is not occupied, but I should like a large yard for the children if I could have it. We will be happy to have a house almost any where and I shall establish one as soon as I possibly can.

I think Rowland has some serious thoughts about going into the Army. I do most sincerely hope he will not, for I fear he would be near you some way, and I really don't want him to be. I hope Col. Sewall wont apply for him as Chaplain.

It is now evening. Guy and Grace gone to bed. Bell rocking Jamie, and I am by the table writing. I have been out in the dining-room since tea. Col. Gilmore says he has got to go to Augusta this week on business, and wants me to be ready at seven o'clock, but dont know as he will be ready for an hour afterwards. That is, seven o'clock to-morrow morning. I shall be ready for I can as well as not, as none of the children are going.

This has been a long day. Isabella had Jamie 'till about eleven when he went to sleep, then she and Mother went to the funeral. I then sat down and read to Guy and Grace till <[CHECK ORIGINAL in the fold]>. We after that had our lunch, then we four took a walk in the field back of the bee house, went down to the lower side of the field, came back and I amused the children in my room till Isabella came back and that was most tea time. I read one story, a long one, "thou shalt not steal", then supper was ready. The children all three, had a real good frolic before they went to bed.

I have found use for your "horrid engravings". They are numbered among Jamie's playthings. I gave him three and told him they were Jamies and now when he can find but one he asks for "more papa". Guy is not yet asleep, has been asking questions, and sends a kiss to Papa. I am quite well and have been since you left. Jamie was some sick one day. I dont feel sure that he has the whooping cough. Dr Loring thinks he only has a cold as yet. He may have taken it lately of Henry Mulliken if so it is not time for it to be known. Charlie will tell you all the news I presume.

May God give you wisdom to perform every duty, and bring you safely back to us.

Your Lizzie

1733 8/31/1862 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1684

Head Qrs Burns
Brigade

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Qrs, Burns Brigade
Aug 31 1862

Dearest,

We are at Centreville after marching two nights & a part of a day. First to Chain bridge & then to this place. Yesterday was a decided defeat. The Rebels drove both McDowell's & Porter's Corps from our old field of Bull Run.

I am nicely – went to see Charlie & Mr W. Kiss the children. God bless you & them. I don't think we shall be engaged right away.

Aff. yr. Husband
Otis