

Wednesday Oct. 1862
Dumfries

For two days past I have been
in "pains" & counts of inquiry & am not written.
I have not time to read what has been written but
presume he has written you a good long &
specific letter. He is not very well. The work of his
arm quite well. We heard of the death of Major
Sedgewick last night to our great sorrow.
Give much love to all. Many kisses to our
dear little children. Good bless you all.
Yours affectionately
Otis

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Red Lrs. 2^d Div. 5th Corps -
Bolivar Heights Va.
Oct. 1st 1862

My dear Lizzie

Otis is busy this morning
but just remarked to me that he would like
to have a letter go to you this morning.

I am not fit for much else than writing
letters & it remains to be proved whether I
will do for that.

I have not been able to ride for more than
a week owing to a cold caused by over-exercise
riding about the time of the battle & consequently
I have taken almost no exercise as I do not
yet walk with much ease. The result is a bilious
attack & threatening fever. But by careful dieting
during a few days past & a thorough course of
medicine from Dr Palmer I have no doubt will
be successful in throwing it off. In fact I am
better this morning.

Otis is on a Court of Inquiry in reference
to the conduct of Gen. Caldwell at the battle
of Antietam. Otis is president of the Court.
Previous to this he was on another Court.

He seems well as usual - active & entering as
ever. We are always a little disappointed when a
mail comes without a letter from you. Love

night. Oth had 3 or 4 but none from you.
One from Owen soliciting the place of Mr. Mr.
somewhere in Oth's command - saying he had got
very tired of being with Birney. One reference
to Capt. Parker, our former Mr. Mr. who is very
sick at Washington & wished much to see "the
General" - Another contained a circular from Genl
Hoodson asking for an account of his command
& history of himself since he entered the service.

We have had very hot weather for a
few days past - It is probable we will remain
here at least a week more undisturbed.
The R. R. bridge will not be finished till
then - Oth said at the Buckfort table this
morning that he received intimation last night
that we were going to Ft Hamilton - I at
once suggested that it must have been in
his dreams & he "owned up" that that was
the way the intimation came.

St. Kirbie, in command of a battery is
attached to this Div - We often see him the
till since the battle he had been away sick.

Mrs. Maj. Morris (now Brig Gen) & daughter
called with her son who is attached to a battery
in this Corps to see Oth night before last.

She was full of flattering commendations
of Oth - Had considerable to say of poor
Hazzard - who I suppose you know died at last.

Maj. Lawrence 61st N. Y. who came from
Washington day or two ago says there is talk
there that Oth will be made a Maj. General.
There is a rumor here that Gen. Sumner is
going to ask to be relieved from this
post - desiring to have a command
somewhere where he will be distinct &
revere - thinking he does not get justice
under McCallum - He can this lot
place Sedgwick will probably have this
Corps which we would like much.

Maj. Sedgwick A. A. G. to Gen. S.
died night before last near Keedsville from
his wounds - His mother & sister were
with him - but his wife is on her
way from Europe home, where she
had been travelling.

I have invited Rowland to come
free us while we are here but I
haven't much hope that he will be
able to - Give much love to my three
& a kiss from both to Jennie for me. Is
Jennie well? We heard from you
thru Rowland's last letter who saw Mr.
Lilbourn of the General the day before who
brought the latest news from you at August.

It is mail time - Love to Mother, Hope to
hear from her soon - Your affectionate brother - Charles -

I found our family all well.
Father wishes you a "God-speed" and
thanks you for your kindness to me
throughout my absence. Please remem-
ber me to your Staff especially to your
brother and Capt. Whittlesey. It
is my prayer that God may take
care of you and restore you in due
time to home and friends.

Very respectfully & truly yours.

Edward W. Packard.

Bridleford Oct 24th 1862.

Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I left you, as you
remember, on the morning of the last
great battle at Antietam with the ex-
pectation of making my way to Frederick
on the same day. The wagons were un-
accountably delayed and I remained
quite near the field through the day,
glad enough at its close to learn of
your safety and that of your Staff.

On Friday morning I made out to walk
to Hagerstown, in default of convey-
ance, and was delayed there over night
in the cattle cars, by the movements
of Pennsylvania militia. I succeeded
in getting to Harrisburg on Saturday
night and spent a quiet Sabbath there.
Monday morning at 8 o'clock I got
to New York and found my brother
without trouble. A week spent under

his care quite transformed me, and at its close I found myself quite well from the lingering illness that had so completely unfitted me for duty in camp.

It was by his advice that I concluded not to return and renew the experiment of the Army in which, I am free to confess, I found myself out of place. Our life there was such a sudden and entire change from my quiet mode of existence before that I can't wonder at my sickness. I am confident that the life would have grown easier and that I might have become hardened to it in time, but I doubt whether my nature and education would have ever have fitted me for it. Some seem to be born for it while others find themselves entirely out of their reckoning. Doubtless my poor health gave a sickly color to the profession of arms and made me a poor judge

of what was best. I find however that some of my friends had predicted a failure for me and I now have to humiliate myself in fulfilling their auguries. The time had come for me to enlist if I remained, and when I left there were only Penna. troops under your command. Moreover just at this time I am obliged to be earning money for the immediate payment of debts incurred at college. and this in time I might have got a satisfactory position in that respect. it was just in the interim that I needed it most.

I only hesitated about leaving lest I should appear to slight your kindness in opening a way for me into the Army. My own pleasant relations to you would prevent. I hope, any such construction, yet to make the matter clear I have given you every reason I could think of. for my course.

Oct. 4. 1862.

Dear Papa

I CAME HOME WHILE
MAMA AND GRACE WERE
EATING THEIR SUPPER. I
TOOK TEA WITH JIMMIE
STINSON. I WILL GO TO
SCHOOL SOON. I WISH
TO LEARN TO WRITE.
PAPA. I LIKE VERY MUCH
TO HAVE YOU WRITE TO ME.

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I AM GLAD YOU DID NOT
GET WOUNDED IN THE BAT-
TLE. I DO WANT ALWAYS
TO DO RIGHT. I LIKE TO LIVE
AT AUGUSTA. JAMIE TALKS
MORE THAN HE DID.
GIVE MY LOVE TO UNCLE
CHARLIE. GRACE HAS
NOT RECEIVED THE LET-
TER YOU SPOKE OF.

I SEND A KISS TO YOU.

FROM GUY.

Oct. 4, 1862.

DEAR PAPA
MAMA
GUY AND I ARE AT
ADGUSTA NOW.
WE HAVE A NICE
HOME. DO YOU THINK
YOU WILL COME AND
SEE US SOME DAY.
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LONG PRINTED LETTER
BUT YOU CAN MAKE

WRITING LETTERS
JUST AS WELL.

MY SCHOOL IS ON THIS
STREET. I SHALL
GO SOON. I DON'T KNOW

ANY LITTLE GIRLS
HERE YET. GUY

IS READING A STORY

OUT LOUD TO MOTHER.

IT IS MOST MY BED

TIME. GOOD NIGHT, PAPA.
FROM GRACE.

sure of this, don't you? I think
my health has been wonderfully
improved. And I believe that God
is enabling me to begin to
exert an influence for Christ
though I fear the harsher & sterner
qualities of my nature are called
so much into requisition as to
become habitual. Oh, these
struggles, these bad men, Mr
Mittsby, what a priceless friend.
Col. Sewall has been assigned to
my command and is a wonderful
man. He is in Genl. Gomer's
Division. Dr is a good Regt-
man is here. Col S. says the
best man he knows. I don't put
up here for my little wife & precious
children. Pray for me.
Much warm hearted Christian
sympathy for Mrs Stinson ^{Remick}
Regards to Charlie & the
rest. I jumped into Genl Sedgwick

Head Mr. Holm heights
Oct 5 1862
It is Sunday afternoon &
about sunset just now. Your kind &
affectionate letter came announcing
that you had gone to Leeds to take
care of him with you for August 5,
that you intended leaving on Thursday
following i.e. on Thursday last. I feel
sorry that so much time must pass
before you get a letter from me
at Augusta. There must have
been several on their way to Leeds
though, when you left. For
several days I have been on "Boards"
and "courts of inquiry". I have been
told one or two from them till
sunset. This taken with the other
business I had to attend to connected
with the Division, just about used
me up. But now I hope we are
through. Our Court of inquiry

was about Col. Caldwell, who has
very old Brigade. Col. Croft resigned
stating that he would not serve under
an officer who had shown such
want of courage and capacity on
the battle-field of Antietam. Col.
Caldwell immediately asked for & was
granted a court. We cleared the
Genl. from the charges which I
think arose from Camp rumors.
Capt. Bullock visited us today and showed
me the miniatures of his wife & sister. I
took another persevering look for
my lost picture but it could not be
found. Why won't you send me my little
locket of you & Grace. It would be such
proof of feelings as what to have Anne
& Jamie's also. This morning at 11 AM.
we had services in the vicinity of
my Mt. St. there being but one
chaplain in the Divⁿ Mr.
Harris - he preached to all
of the Division who were

disposed to come & hear him. Mrs.
Col. Lee - Col. Wm. Raymond Lee's wife
from Massachusetts was at the
service. Capt. Bell the Provost Marshall
was in just here & interrupted us.
What's the trouble somebody comes
in & I feel obliged to be polite.
Genl. French who now has a division
gives an invitation to all of us to
attend at 6 P.M. I was glad of
this & went. A very good sermon
from Rev. French to a very
body of men. A verse, we don't have
brought any more except by private
subscription. A band was there with
a new Regiment. Oh I should like to
look in upon our new home, why
don't it look like home. I expect
it is because the children were
not there. You know it takes
paper & the rest of the children
to make music, is it so darling
School time is coming. I feel

Leeds Dec. 5th 1852

My dear Lizzie -

Lizzie +

Fannie and I came to Leeds
this morning - Norland must
go to Bath, to take the boat-trough
for Boston, on his way to
Springfield, to the meeting
of the American Board.

Your letter came this evening,
and we are all glad you
are getting along so well -
But you mustn't work too
hard, + get so tired as you
were at Farmington - Charles
letter to you, also came this
afternoon - + Mother could not
let it go away without
knowing how they were, + what

they were doing, so she opened
it - family is well, and doing
finely - seems to love "Bella-Lu"
as he calls her, as well as
he would his mother - Says
Mamma has "gone sick" -
Mother says your letter will
be ready the last of this
week, and you can have
it any time after - She
thinks you had better come
while you are sure of good
travelling - Tell Guy that
Lion came back today, looking
very "mucky", & exceedingly
stained - his ribs stuck
out on both sides, & he
ate all the hens' dinner up.
he was so hungry -
We shall probably be here all
the week, as Roland will

not be back before Saturday,
and possibly not until the
first of next week - I shut
up the house, and Kariel-
went home - She was almost
sick, this morning, with
a very sore throat, & some
symptoms of Diphtheria - but.
I hope it will prove no worse
than a bad cold.

My ideas seem unusually
dull tonight, but my heart
is full of good wishes for
you & the children, & I
hope you will write as
often as you can, & let
us know you get along in
your new home.

With love to you & kisses
to the little ones - Yours truly
Ellen P. K.

Washington 7 Oct 1862

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Genl. O. O. Howard.

Sumner Corps.

In the Field.

Dear General,

I was just now informed by the Clerk in charge of your account for indemnity arising from loss of horses at Fair Oaks, that the proof must show that Lieut C. H. Howard, was regularly assigned as your Aide-Camp. It is asked in what regiment was he mustered in as a Lieutenant, or other officer - They say if he was detailed to act on your staff, - not bring a commissioned officer. - then he was simply a volunteer aid, and the horse ridden by him at that battle was at risk for ever.

Col Gariche gave me the enclosed Circular and said it was the rule controlling.

I told them that C. H. Howard wore the uniform, and received the pay of a Lieutenant - but in all the office no one found the evidence of his being mustered as an officer. - I urged that he had served with great credit and distinction at the first Battle of Bull Run, that of Fair Oaks, and Antietam. - but red tape asked where

is the Commission? You will set all this
right by a word. I take the first moment to
advise as to what is considered a desideratum
in the case as now presented to the 3^d Auditor

Allow me sincerely to congratulate you on
your preservation and that of your brother Lieut
Howard. amid the dangers of the great battles
of Maryland. I had the rare opportunity of
witnessing the battle of the Antietam - being
a portion of the time on the hill towards
Keedysville and again on the field itself.

It was not deemed prudent by my advisers
to penetrate to your command. and so I re-
gret the loss of an opportunity to see you.

Let me hear from you at
your first moment of leisure & remembrance
to your brother

Very truly,

H. Hoages.

P.S. You have a Division. My anxiety is that your
star will be duplicated. Since meritorious service will
henceforth ~~mainly~~ measure promotion for the most part

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Off the day (or just going) to reorganize
the picket line. He seems now to
be quite well. For some time he
was threatened with a fever but
now it is over. I have felt worried
about him. I am on another
court today. I am sorry to say
four courts do ^{not} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~not~~ with me very
well: their effect is to make
me sleep poorly at night. Now
is my now. at Augusta? I expect he
would be glad to see a little
Squirrel, we have here.



Sometimes he is tied in front of Papa's
tent to the play pole. He is a
beautiful young and very tame.
I sometimes see him on John's
shoulder & again sticking his
head out of his pocket. I have
never known him to bite
anybody. I have found
anybody I see (knows at Augusta -
has Aunty Clark come to see
them? Mr. Sumner has a letter of

30 days beginning with today
I wish to see down to
see him. Before the
Court is in session & before
the term. Had been & hope you
Janice is a good way off but
in good hands

With love

most affectionately

V. O. Howard

Too bad, they were talking
to me -

Your affectionate
husband,

His

Portland Oct 10 1862

Mrs Lygie A Howard,

Dear Miss,

I recd your letter of 8th and have made Enquiry about Furniture. Mr Correy say that they have a good assortment of furniture now on hand - and think they can suit you very well as to quality and price - they have no such Lounges as you mention. but think they could make you one that would suit you

Your dividends are due at the Banks. say Caseo \$44 Canal \$28 International \$18 - Merchants \$18 Making \$108 - the Coupons on Rail Road Bonds are also due - the money is ready at the Banks I can collect all but from Merchants Bank for that I should need an Order we should be pleased to see you at Portland and render you our best Services from your Affectionat Uncle - E Wright

P. S.

in case you should
conclude to go with your friend
to Boston - and will drop me
a line - I will cheerfully
attend to any business you may
wish -

W. E. M.

The Bankers in New York have one also
 here - the money is ready at the Bank
 I can collect all but from Merchants
 Bank for that I should like to see you at
 New York - one reason you can not do
 from your Office in New York - I think

and what is still worse I sent to
Washington by Genl Sedgwick's order
Sept 21st. Whittier for my last
month's pay. He drew it & spent the
whole of it and when he came
back said he was disappointed
in getting his own. He brought
me a Rebel just like my old one &
some things for the kids. Now
I am writing for him to get his
own pay & refund. Which he
now thinks will be here before
Monday. Tell Mr. Darling how
you are getting on for money. I
had a letter from Genl Sedgwick a day
or two since. His wounds are quite
troublesome. but he expects to
be back soon. Genl Burns has
returned to his Brigade. but is
not well. His spine is affected.
I doubt if he can ride for any
considerable distance. Give much
love & many kisses to the children.
Kind regards to Mr. & all friends.
Wm. W. Garrison

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Oct 11 1862

Dearest

Day before yesterday I was
made happy by getting what purported
to be two letters. but on opening I found
that there were three one from
yourself and one from Guy and
another from Grace. What real good
letters they did write paper so nicely
printed. Guy began with small letters
but I think he found it too hard work
and went again to his capitals. The
man who owned the squirrel has
sold him to a paymaster & he
is gone. Papa feels sorry for he had
only a mind to invite Guy out
see him. For a few days past I
have been troubled a great deal
with a dull head-ache. I lay about
yesterday a good part of the time.
I think my head is better this morning.
We have had continuous heat from

before the battle of Antietam till
now. Last night the weather
changed. I am inclined to think the
heat of the sun as I have been exposed
has affected my head. But as I am
so nicely this morning and have
eaten a good breakfast, it is a pity
to mention it. I hope Anny's letter
has reached her. It was sent to Leeds.
It is odd that you could not get a few, the
house must be very full. But I presume
you did not wish to get one too far back.
At present we are doing nothing but
drilling & making works. General Sumner
has gone on a 30 days leave & taken his
staff with him. General Couch has
been assigned to the corps. A man
who does not look older than I. He
graduated about the time of General
McClellan, left the army, but came
out with a Medal. Regt as Colonel.
I think from his countenance he
must be a good man. My aunt

is next to him, so that I am likely to
command the corps in case any accident
happens to him. Gen Hancock & Gen
French have reversed rank & I am
junior rank than both. Charles is now
quite well. I think he is scarcely any lame
though his leg is not very strong. Col
Sewall was in here last night. His wife
writes him such dear little letters that
it makes him discontented and
unhappy. She thinks he deceives
her, for he promised not to go
into the field and yet he has
gone. I am very sorry she gives
way so to her feelings. Meade could
not resign now without great
dishonor & yet he thinks he
must do something for the
sake of his wife and family. I
fear you may be in want of
money. I bought Dr Whipp's horse
for him \$115. paid Capt. Whittlesby
with some - expect 300 from the
Government which it delays paying

Miss Quarters Bolivia
14 Good warm room
Oct 14th 1862

Dearest,

I have not written
you for the last three days &
I don't know but now. I will
own up I have been quite un-
well, threatened with a fever.
I now eat cornstarch & farina
& a baked or roasted apple.
I have thus far done all
the duties of my post & hope
to be decidedly better tomorrow.

I am British has become
guilty of an awful crime,
robbing the mails. I have
persuaded Charles to go to
the North. He cannot get
well here. If my feverish
runs hang on I shall have
to go too. Give much love

to the children & many
kisses. I shall send
for you if my sickness
should amount to any
thing serious. God bless
you.

Your affectionate
husband
Otis

I have not been
 to the children's
 school since
 for you if you say
 should want to see
 them again. I have
 been to the school
 with you.

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Beaufort. N. C. Oct 15th 1862

My dear Genl.

Your kind christian letter was duly received, and you may be assured I was very glad to hear that you were once more returned to your position in the army, and were recovering so well from your recent disaster.

It made me sad to notice the difference in your hand writing, but I knew you could see the hand of God in your affliction, and was prepared to abide his will.

I thank you Genl. for your kind advice, and will try to follow out your course of action, so plainly laid down. I shall take the earliest opportunity of receiving the ordinance of baptism, and delay joining any church until my way looks more clear. To connect myself with some body of christ's people at as early a day as practicable, however is my wish, as I believe I shall be less subject to temptation, and stronger to resist, when I have the prayers of the church joined to my own, for strength to resist the allurement of sin.

I have had a very serious spell of sickness since writing you before, and was obliged to stay over at this place from our vessel, when she came here for coal ten days ago, however I am now much better, and hope soon to re-

join my ship in full health - I suppose you must be expecting some word soon, and no doubt there will be much hand fighting before winter sets in. I hope you may be kept from harm and that our way yet over this side the mountains - but above all that our way should be eternally together in the presence of him in whom we trust. My kind regards to your father Charles, and thank him for his kind wishes on my behalf.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
William Dox

Join my ship in full health. I suppose you must be expecting warm work soon, and no doubt there will be much hard fighting before winter sets in. I hope you may be kept from harm and that we may yet meet this side the judgment - but above all that we may spend eternally together in the presence of him, in whom we trust

My kind regards to your brother Charles, and thank him for his kind wishes on my behalf.

I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
your obedient servant
Addison Poole

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Dear Sir,
I have been a very serious sinner of late
and since writing you before, and was obliged
to stay out of this place for an hour, when
the same clerk was the day after tomorrow I
was more much better, and hope to be
able to go to follow out your course of action as
planned last time. I shall take the earliest
opportunity of receiving the ordinance of baptism and
beginning my journey until my way leads me
back to conduct myself with some bold of Christ
people at as early a day as practicable. I mean
is my mind, as I believe I shall be less subject
to temptation, and stronger to resist, when I have
the presence of the church joined to my own for
strength to resist the temptations of sin.
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to temptation, and stronger to resist, when I have
the presence of the church joined to my own for
strength to resist the temptations of sin.

Portland Oct 18 1862
Mrs. Lizie A. Nowara
Dear Niece }

I received your letter
with the Order for Merchants
Bank dividend, I now Enclose
One hundred dollars \$100 - leaving
an Eight dollars which I will
send with the Collection of the
Rail Road Coupons -

we are all well hope this
will find you & Children all
Enjoying the same Blessing
and hope we should see you
in Portland -

with much Love to all
from your Affectionate
Uncle

E. Meite

Please acknowledge receipt -

Inches 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Portland Oct 18 1855

Mr. L. J. & Son
Dear Sirs

I received your letter
with the order for the
back of the book I have enclosed
the amount of \$10.00 - leaving
the right dollar which I will
send with the collection of the
next book -

We are all well hope this
will find you & children all
happy the same hoping
and hope we shall be soon
in Portland -

With much love to all
from your affectionate
friend
J. W. W.

Yours affectionately
J. W. W.

Very affectionately
Yours
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 17th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place, but I am very busy with my work. I have just finished a book on the "History of the American People" and it is now in the hands of the printer. I have also written a number of articles for the "Liberator" and "Commonwealth". I am very much interested in the cause of the oppressed and I hope to do much for it in the future. I am, dear friend, very truly and affectionately,
Yours,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Leds Oct., 19. 1862

Dear Lizzie:

I came home here last Friday and return to College tomorrow. I extract the following from the Telegraphic despatches in the Lewiston Daily Journal of yesterday -

"The Tribune's Harper's Ferry dispatch says Brig. Gen. Howard, who is mortally wounded, leaves this morning for his home in Maine."

The date was Oct. 17. Will you be kind enough to write Mother here and one at Brunswick what you know about it as of course we are exceedingly anxious to learn all we can in regard to the matter.

We are led to suppose that it is not a very severe attack, or he would be unable to travel six or eight hundred

I shall return to College tomorrow
and shall visit each train to see
if they pass through there if they
have not already done so.

It is needless to say that my
 poor aid in any capacity is
 at your disposal if need be.
 I have enclosed the

I have engaged the school at "Flat City" to teach this winter and shall have the privilege of coming home every week. I commence to teach two weeks from tomorrow, Nov. 9th. - Jamie is well.

A kiss for Guy and Grace.

Very affectionately Yours
R. H. Gilmore

Leeds Oct. 23 1862.

My dear Brother

I arrived in
safety last night home and
trust you found as good
a haven the day previous.

Mr. Webb was very cor-
dial & urged me so much
to stay longer that I was
really embarrassed - but
I wanted to get home. He
sent his love to you & that
he would write to you soon.

As James is still with
us I shall expect you
to expect to come up as
soon as you are able.

James is well & very
happy - seemed glad to
see me & likes to talk

or play with me - He came
over with Isabella from
her home this morning
when they have been since
last Saturday.

Jamie has a cold in
his head but has not
seemed sick.

Isabella seems to take the
best of care of him
He speaks very distinctly
some words.

When you come up
I want Lizzy to bring
my papers which she
has in possession for
me. Father will pay
up a portion of the note.

Mother is well & pre-
paring for Winter - getting
her plants & tomatoes in
away from the Frost
which is coming on apace.

My health seems to im-
prove. The coating is leaving
my tongue. I started well
in the boat from Boston
to Portland tho' it was
very rough.

My love to Lizzy &
a big bunch to Gert & Grace.
I send them some money
which they will not be
likely to spend - It will
therefore spend well.

It is cold in this Longi-
tude - How is it with you?

Write us when you can
come -

Yours Affectionate Brother
L. M. Howard

P. S. Louisa is making us
a visit - seems happy & is
as well as usual. Huldah
is very low & is at Willard's -

my own home, but I suppose it is
my duty to remain, and trusting
in my heavenly Father who has been
so good to me, I will try to do
what seems to be my duty.

Genl. Gorman is commanding
the Division, and Col. Senter our
Regiment. The Genl. is very kind to
me, and there is no fear for his property,
I think like him very well. I wish
his heart might be healed.

Every body seems to think that the
army is to advance, but there were
no indications of it when I left.

I hope my dear Genl. that you may
be able to return soon, I wait my
Regiment in another Division you
may leave. It was very pleasant after
you left.

I shall remain here until I am
able to join the Regiment.

Give my kindest regards to your
wife and the children, also to Charles
if with you. May the grace of
our Lord & Saviour be multiplied to
you and yours.

Yours very truly

Written directed to the F. D. S. Hall
& Rev. B. H. Carter will reach me here.

Ford City Md.

Oct. 24 1862

Dear Genl.

I was sorry not to have
seen you again before you left, but
was glad ultimately that you got away
so soon. I heard from you at Philadel-
phia thru Capt. Whittier. I presume
before this that you are with your
dear family in your own home.

May God's blessing be with all there.
I was quite unwell, and felt
obliged to ask for a leave. My throat
became sore and my cough increased,
Dr. Palmer recommended a leave of
twenty days, which Genl. Gorman
particularly suggested, and advised
me to go to Maine, but I thought it
better to go no further back than
this place, especially in the present
state of my cough. I left Bolivar

Thursday, I have a nice boarding
place in the family of a Methodist
Clergyman, they are very kind to
me. I expect my wife to join me
tomorrow. I feel considerably better
yesterday, but am not nearly as
well today, and have been obliged
to keep my bed most of the time.
I hope however to recover rapidly,
and to be able to join my Regiment
before the expiration of my leave of
absence. I do not like to be away
from it, as long as I command
it. Tho I should much prefer some
other service.

I got quite discouraged with my
success before I left, & tho. that I
had my command in a good
state of discipline, and was vain
enough to believe that it was a
good Regiment. but that Lt. Jones
who inspected it, made a very
unfavorable report. He reported

every Regiment. I believe in the
Division to be in a poor state
of discipline, arms in bad condition,
and appearance bad. Genl. McClellan
wrote a note to Genl. Gorman in
regard to it. I felt that injustice
had been done me, and made a
statement in reply, at the suggestion
of Genl. Gorman. I was sorry
that the report did not come before
you left. It was an outrageous
report, and wholly untrue. He says in
his report that "with the exception of
the 1st Minn. no books except the
morning report books are kept in
either of the Regiments." He did not
inspect my books, which I know to
be correctly kept. Of course I was
pretty angry, to be disgraced so early,
and after I had worked so hard
to put my Regiment in proper shape.
I am quite out with the war, and
would gladly return to the quiet of

of my regiment while connected with your Brigade, I shall be very much gratified.

From the papers I learn that you have been raising a new Brigade from which I judge that you intend returning to the army.

Please present my kind regards to your brother, from whom I should be pleased to hear and whose photograph I should also prize.

Very Respectfully Yours

Andrew Merrill.

Geneva, N.Y. Oct. 24th 1862.

Gen. C. C. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Your very acceptable letter was received a few days since. I thank you for your benediction upon the boy who bears your name, and also for your excellent photograph. It is but a few days since I was presented with a beautiful album and expressed the wish that your face might have a place within it, — a wish I did not expect so soon to have gratified.

Since returning home my health has been variable. It is now generally good, though I cannot endure what I once could. Were I able to return to the army there is no one under whom I should more desire to serve than yourself.

Dr. Snow, I am sorry to say, had done me an injustice by circulating the report that I was "inefficient" in the service, "did little or nothing" and so overtaken him as to "cause his dismissal."

Dr. Palmer used to tell me that Dr. Snow was jealous in his feelings toward me, but I did not then believe it. He said, too, when the Dr.'s troubles began, that, had it not been for the accuracy & promptness with which I made out the Surgeon's reports, Dr. S. would have been dismissed long before, and he has also kindly sent me a statement, over his own signature, to the effect that "Dr. Merrill, as Asst Surgeon, was not surpassed by any in the Division." "x x x" that he often performed the duties of Surgeon & always correctly & promptly "x x x" that he (Dr. P.)

known of no man better calculated, did his health permit, to become an efficient & prompt surgeon in the field than Dr. Merrill."

Although I do not fear the ultimate effect of such "small minded jealous scandal," (as Dr. Palmer calls it in a letter to me) it is nevertheless unlooked for treatment from one whose faults I endeavored to conceal & whose reputation I guarded with the utmost consideration, and it is a satisfaction, if not a duty, to be able to refute these calumnies by the credentials of such men as yourself & Dr. Palmer.

If, therefore, you find leisure briefly to state, whether, in your opinion, I was faithful in the performance of my duties & held the confidence & respect

Kennebec Telegraph.

Connecting with Lines to all parts of the United States and British Provinces.

Augusta, *Oct 8th* 1862
By Telegraph from Philadelphia
To Mr. G. O. Howard

Have had Stomach
fever Better now
Wound Tuesday
on short leave

G. O. Howard

Inches

Hennepin Telegraph.

Connecting with Lines to all parts of the United States and British Provinces.

St. Louis, August 1862.
By Telegraph from Philadelphia
St. Louis, O. C. Hannan

Have been down
from Baltimore
Hannan
on short leave
O. C. Hannan

Lieut C W Howard of the Regiment of Maine
 volunteers having applied for a Certificate on
 which to ground an application for an extension
 of leave of absence I do hereby certify that I
 have carefully examined this Officer & find
 that he is suffering from lameness of the right leg
 caused by a wound from a musket ball through
 the thigh from Chronic diarrhoea & Piles

And that in consequence thereof, he is in my
 opinion unfit for duty. I further declare my
 belief that he will not be able to resume his duties
 in a less period than thirty days from the sixth
 of November

Briggs M. S. Acting Surgeon

Augusta Oct 29. 1862

Letter to Mr. [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] having applied for a [illegible] in
which to present an application for an [illegible]
of course of course [illegible] [illegible] that I
have carefully examined the [illegible] & find
that he is suffering from [illegible] of the right leg
caused by a wound from a [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
and that in consequence thereof he is in my
opinion unfit for duty. I further declare my
belief that he will not be able to resume his duties
in a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the right
of [illegible]

Witness my hand & seal this 28th day of [illegible] 1862

Phila Octo 29/62

My dear Otis

Your two notes have been received and I am greatly obliged for the contents of both - the likeness is admirable only your modesty has prevented your being in the right rig. Genl W. ought to have a Genl's feathers on.

My health is not yet quite what it ought to be - I went to N.Y. last week & have been working about too much within the last few days & do not feel at all well to day - I have serious thoughts of slipping away for a short time & try Maine air.

My love to all Yr aff^{ly} Wm

