Garrison in the field.
Sunday Evening
20 November 1862

My dear Mother,

Your letter of the 25th was received last evening containing the gratifying intelligence of Gen. Howard declining the offer. Scarcely because I consider it as high an honor from a public general. After thinking over the matter and considering it in its different bearings, I have decided not to accept the position, even if it was a wise thing.

You may be surprised that such a thing should be my decision, but I have not jumped at this conclusion. My reason for simply this.

I have not the necessary capital.
If I should accept such a position I must live as a staff officer. In the first place I must have a horse, and it is doubtful if one horse would be sufficient. Government allows forage for one horse only and if obliged to keep a second I must buy forage, then I must have a servant. If my horse is hurting the road I must buy another. The only way to keep a horse when he is killed under fire and then it is a roundabout process to obtain remuneration. Besides this it would be more necessary to dress in good style which requires funds. Perhaps I have overestimated the expense, but were it kept down it would cover it at present, and I do not know when I shall get any pay as there is trouble about it. As I was assigned to the vacancy, which existed at the time of my commission, I will not be held the matter is yours, indeed it was my intention not to mention it at all till rendered necessary. I have written to Mr. Blaine in regard to the matter there to get it after awhile. These are the reasons that have brought me to the above decision. I should have liked the position very much, for it is one of a splendid elevation. I have not given up the idea without some regret. You can see how the matter stands, and do not feel bad that I have come to this conclusion. The chance for promotion is about as good as here if not better, but I do not expect any of that for a long time.
Leeds Nov. 5th 1862

My dear Sazzy

Your letter to Isabella came last night with the money safe although the letter was not sealed. We are all well as usual. Father has gone to the U. K. meeting at Farmington. I also received a letter from you T. the accompanying letters from Dr. P. I receipt.

Whitney for which you have my thanks, I will send the statistics to the State A. H. board Office today I think.

I suppose this only wants me to copy it, correct it as he had written. I wish he had written.
I shall be glad to go to Texas if it should go want one - hope to see you if it please land.

I cannot read my Commission till Father got back so it is in his hope that I don't think we will get our pay any sooner for that will not prove that I have been mustered in. I have already written that I was mustered in by Capt. Philpitt. I occurred the 27th June 1861. Since that date I have never been out of service therefore did not receive a warrant.

Delleia began his school last Monday morning and boards with Mr. Joe Suh. I saw Laura yesterday at the hotel. She is well & hearty.
Thursday morning, Nov 5, 1862

Dear Mr. [Name],

I arrived here with E. W. Whittemore & John at 10 P.M. last night. I am just about to start for Sandwich, Cape about 30 miles distant.

Have a brougham horse & a two horse ambulance. I reached Boston at 2 P.M. Monday, went to the Parker House, called on Dr. Bunker & saw his wife. Dined at 67 Rutland St. Saw Mrs. & Mrs. Wells. They gave a pressing invitation for you to come to dinner. Mrs. Wells said she would wish you to accept it. She thought you would not take the invitation. Come to call on the children. Your go.
From Washington. I come to Philadelphia. I hope you & all are well. I am with my affectionate love to your own affectionate love.

[Additional text not clearly legible]
Dear Mr.址.

Nov. 1852

7 miles from Waimanalo

Dear Brother,

I am here to visit the old stamping grounds beyond.

We are gone to hear Mr. B. from two. All went well.

We are gone to hear Mr. B. from two. All went well.

I hope you will try to gain much by opportunity. We hear the

Lord. Mrs. B. said much of you. The children were

well. We were at Father, Mother,

You can be here in letters. Mr. Brown and Mrs.

Brown. They are well. I now feel

away from Mr. B. I knew

you knew of a letter from

Mother. All.

Yours, etc.

E. B.
Welles has a Div in Muncie. His old forces, Bronch retains this. Summertime was the usual work. Is the "command of two or three men.

He, McCallum was released today.

Since the move.

The move was released today.

For orders to Newton M.P. We are

frightened, then we are in the

midst of a supply movement.

This morning on our side of the

Blue Ridge and we are in the

morning for "gaps" & positions.

Boonsboro finds itself heavily with a

staff-staff within, in a tactical

& topographical knowledge to

be "read" once our army tanks in

the book of circumstances; all

stays creates uncertainties. I feel sure

with the Hellers to finish which he

had planned times executing so

well - stream with his last

commands toward Petersburg - Ralph

Matthews to stand with Dr.

Colonel of Western fame in one

old house transformed into a

room furnished - together with

all the neighboring houses.

We had seen him once. It was

with with him. We got an

announcement of him. Noon was

started Thursday morning - 25

miles first day - 20 the 2nd.

& today 12 - brings us here.

but he head of arrived, much

love to mother - this very night.

July 21 - Mr. Hand came to us

in Boston we would be pleased

to have one up with him. I

called on him at Carbon house.

Mr. Will wants you to go up.

Stay with him. Wm. Merrick is
Dear Martin Maurit's First
Nov. 8, 1864, Rector Town, Va.

Dear...

I have just received a letter from Mr. William, enclosing a note from Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown inquired for Mr. Martin, specifically his little nephew, especially. He is looking for you. He also mentioned regarding Mr. Brown and his wife. I immediately wrote to Mr. Brown and his wife, informing them of your visit and your help. Unfortunately, your horse, William...

I have just arrived early on this morning and discovered a letter from Martin asking to write you before the war. I reached Mr. Williams's house the previous day at about 11 o'clock, in a strange, old fashioned, wooden snowstorm. I rode directly to Mr. Williams's private tent, found him, and the Williams together in a comfortable tent. I received a warm welcome from Mr. Williams. I was the first to bring such a storm, and he had hardly a mind to order me straight back. He said they were talking of me and were really glad to see me. I got the same warm reception from Mr. Williams, who met me at the train. He commanded two books, one and the other was his own. Now I will get back and begin when I arrive at Mansfield, and you a brief
account of my journey. I told you of my visit to Mr. Halsey. We went with him to the W. St. and at that time I was in the care of Mr. Halsey. I saw Mr. B. in the car and asked him to join us. We drove to the Bronx and had dinner at Mr. B.'s. We then said good night. We planned to return the next day. A letter came from him. We could only be back for four weeks. I went on to the White House and then to the White House. From Lulworth we returned to New York. I think she was about 15. I felt somewhat interested in the world. She was about 20. I received a good start now. After this I took the young lady around to look at the Saloon. We then walked to the lady's cabin. I had a see-saw ride on the boat. We reached New York at 6:30. I went to the White House to look for the lady. I found a small child with a dog. I hurried down to the dock. I took a fast boat to Kentucky. We arrived in St. Louis at 7:30. We went on to New York. We arrived at the White House at 4:30 P.M. for a meal. Only two of the ladies. We went on to Chicago in 16 cars. I had a very good time. I went to a hotel at 4:30 A.M. for a meal. Only two in the hotel. We went on to Chicago in 16 cars. I had a very good time. We arrived at the White House at 4:30 A.M. for a meal. Only two of the ladies. We went on to Chicago in 16 cars. I had a very good time.
To get over our Staff. I hope you can
hold up your cold & health. You
know a good deal too form me and
I wish you could help you. How is
Davy's head? I say still? If you have
such cold weather as we do
you shan't let them play out in
your rooms. Do you still want
paper to write? How is health this
morning? and little James — him
very much love many letters to them
all. I have written to Charles but have my
hand from him. I have your last
letter that came to him in
August. Please send its kind. I urgently
find the letter of how I should
next direct. Owen & Grosvenor
Nott. Ormond has not yet come back.
We are inspecting Union daily & then
is near me & well. The President came
to see me. I have sent Capt. Goodnow
of Waldron is with you to the
Shenandoah & will bring you

"Wrens" Mr. & Mrs. Dewrie Nov 9th 1862

Dear Dr.,

Yesterday we made a
March of 9 miles and our
camp located on the Gainesville road
within a mile of Warrenton
Dye. We got into camp quite early
last evening. The wind was blowing
hard and I heard that in a rain.
This morning we turned out our
troops and drew them up along
the road to give a hunting salute
to him Mr. Wallace. The road along
and the U.S. color guard and command
of the drums kept and the men
shouted him. Mr. Burnside rode
by his side. I called on Mr. Wallace
yesterday. He appeared well & said:
"Burnside is a pure man & a man
of integrity of purpose & such a
man cannot fail a victory". He also
suggested in the course of our conversation.
to an impression in command
of a large army to learn the utter
insignificance of any man unless he
depend on a power above." It is not
possible to be associated with such
men and not love them.
After investing the bluffs I went
to pay my respects to him. I learned
he looked very well as he undoubtedly
was. For he said he had been writing
letters for a week or two. He had
concluded to take the command, but did
not regard it as a fit subject for
congratulations. I gave him my words
of acknowledgment came away. Tuesday
Nov 12. I was interrupted yesterday
so that I did not finish my letter
yesterday. We did not move until
morning for supplies & for
him! Brunswick to get his
staff in working order. I
inspected a brigade yesterday after
8 o'clock, which took me till after sunset.
Ellie came home last ev.,
I went over to the school and didn't hear from him. He has a good school to attend, and the nearest school he has ever had. I took him back this morning.

I got a return from the adjt general's department tonight, regarding an order which I had not seen before, so there was no necessity for an extension. The Surgeon's certificate, duly certified, that the one I sent around is satisfactory. I have never heard of it of which I think will write to Dr. Brown to furnish me.

Now you have been gone to see Gen. Richardson. I do hope their attention has been directed to their work's before. They have been upon beds of languishing do not want to give up of it.
to get any word about Otis. Mother feels a great deal of anxiety for him, as continuously speaking of him.

She asked me to write to you in hopes to get something from you about him or well or about yourself and the children. The worst is that we want to know how you are. Mother also expresses anxiety lest you may not be well. And how are the children not forgetting little Josie?

Hope you will give us a few lines at least by return of mail.

The papers brought exciting news tonight. McCollum gone. We will at least indulge the hope that he changes will not result for the worse. McCollum has really meant to see much.

To be flourished for lying still. This long & permitting the Rebels to escape again.

Four letters from home not come into the neighborhood last night. He is well rumors to be expecting active duty to take upon the more terrible realities of war. He is now in deep, not far from Nashville.

George Henry is enlisted in the 16th Regt. from this town while door at home in August a fine young man. A Christian as he lead. His funeral service was to be preached at the church last Sabbath but it was so very none of our family attended. His folks live next house beyond Mrs. Venus Lott. Not.
Helping father “fix of” for that
I found Deacon “fixed out” long
especially in the lower
storey. But my leg grew
strong I think when level
ground you would not notice
that I walk lame at all.
Mother is well then been
letting out a “taking” this
evening. The warm weather
looks to come off fairly
much all the same, Isabella
is at home for a few days. Expect
her brother home next week when
she does not feel. Folks
of South Decks when solicited
for deed from Anthony.
Have you heard from St.
Anthony? Deed that Adams
August have a 50’s in 2 days?
Was it a mistake of the new papers?
May the Lord bless keep you
Your ever, Mr. Clark.

John O. Howard

Received Nov. 12th 1862,

[Signature]

We got our first
news from you tonight by letter
from Leighton. He says that
She has got well of the cold
but that the children are well.

Wish all the “ifs” are cleared
just by whether you will take
with me to New York with me
this soon before you go to Texas.

Being by tonight, hopes that
Sister. August is going with
Brooks’?” to be there. Ever makes
me fear you will not go. But
I will be reconciled to the
unsolicited Providence those
make others.

The answer to my letter
acceptance for your
Deft. Sir.

[Signature]
Consequence sent time other No. 160 War. Department also adding a note saying my certificate covered my absence. But I see that I should have a duplicate one to show to my Commanding Officer on my return. Fear letter that you might forget that you saw service so that some other Commanding officer might require it. Have sent to Dr. Bragg for a duplicate copy. 6 Yrs. kept, have letter go with Banks - He ought to have had it. Your from Yancy draw a letter to the Findlay Press tonight which makes tonight likely kinds of you but the Hith of Berry, I have let by going that time. Mr. Hartley recommended.

Have for Yancy: You are that Mr. Perry had been in brother's Div. (There?) The latter was from Washington at Ash in the highest terms of pleasure and gone. 

Drippie has heard that he joined the Church before he died. 

Miss in hopes to be just well, strong by the expiration of the leave which is just 9 months. I feel quite a desire to go with you if you go to Texas. 

I wonder when you are to 

night. Hope well - 
My usual regards to Lewis. 

Wishing hope he is fully restored. If I am not still troubled with my leg I should believe myself as fit for duty as ever. In
Washington
Nov. 14th

My dear Mr. Howard,

The Heads
interest whole you express
for my boy while Prus at
We want encourages me to
address to you now in her
behalf. I am particularly
inspired about how having
just received the report for
October giving due amount of
accounts at $4,55 — Why he
had been so greatly called

The 22nd of June—Poor
that is impossible because
be did not enter until the
2nd I commend him to
your kindness and will
consider it a great part if
you will do what you can
for him. I write the above
giving your opinion of the
prospects if they are not
already past all hope.

Write but without you still
I am truly

Yours
Margaret Backer.
I cannot imagine—nor for what reasons a messenger this great distance have been received. But I believe in dispute about him of certainly when he had stayed so many at the beginning of October if he could not go through the month without adding 12 there is little hope that he will pass through two months with 24 more than trip. If these me help that some of these dreadful lessons may be taken if you will you not give him some assistance or advice that may be useful to him? I do not know what, I know—but beg that you will see him and do about you can for him.

He had been abroad acting on the subject of financial which perhaps you could do—ask be some of—and be pleased that 12 of the will not mean 

I would consider them before
Nov 14, 1862

Dear Miss,

I anticipated getting a letter from you today before our west

turned in today. The day I left

enclosed the order for John. Every

it has been very much too much

since I left home, but I am very

pleased to hear from you, midsting,

and hope things little better. I hope

you are well. I was telegraphed that

two weeks ago, and some feeling of

intensively before I broke

the seal, but it was on military

business. Yesterday I had a visit

to child and feeling immediately in

with the assistance of first

Stine, who is worth his weight

in gold. He is so intelligent and quick

that I like him much. I have

now finished the inspection of my

写作 division, and I am truly

I find it in very good trim.
I have now appointed Col Semple on my staff to take this duty off my hands. Did I tell you that last? Washburn with his aide left Zetl at the battery, came to me, and I accompanied them all around to visit different Maine Regiments. Mr. Fairman was very agreeable & I enjoyed his visit. He said he should call upon you when he gets back, I told you how hearty I am. We will probably move tomorrow and the next letter will show you when we are. Mr. Bemis has just got-read to go. I do not think the march will be dangerous. I want to get time to write to you and peace, but tell them both you had such big bundles to attend to that we could not get time. Much love to yourself. Please, Commanding you to write. We affectionately yours,

Atig
November 16, 1862

Dearest,

I felt too tired to write last night, but am less so tonight. Though we have made a march of nearly twenty miles to-day. Last night I encamped two miles this side in south east of Warrenton Junction. To-night we are about 13 miles from Fredericksburg, Va. We [lost words, possibly "Dalton""] move in three columns one on the right, one on the right to the left of the road. I have the left. Today it has been our purpose to move woods to march in most of the way. The pioneers go ahead, open the pines, clear away the brush. Tout the small trees in our path. Our Brigade has the lead over way and another the next. Gen. Sully his old Army officer. Mrs. Gen. Suman, Brigade Head.
Hello, when you knew at West Point commands been Davis’s Brigade. Mr. Dana is next in line. This leg is still gone. I have learned since that he is in Washington. Mr. Owen, who formerly commanded a Regt. in Davis’s Brigade, commands my 3rd Brigade. The army has been divided into 9 Grand Divisions.

General Hooker

Corps - 4th

Mr. Singh has the reserve. Yesterday I visited my old line of march made last winter. The ground that was so wet and muddy then is very dry now. The weather is beautiful. We anticipate rain tomorrow or it has thinned up this morning. It has been much like Sunday with us today. Marching on one

you know undoubtedly been no church. I hope you have enjoyed it. May 5th is the Sunday school and the return of little Annie. The company of Arnie,

little Ann and Josie. My love to all.

I think we are moving now as rapidly as the country can stand. I hope it is the will of God for us to succeed this time, but as much as I have said in account of our own hardships. I saw two Grand Commanding Divisions. Marched along before yesterday. And another yesterday which under the influence of liquor.

I have just announced direct through to aide a fine modest young man. He and John Harry W. S. will train together.

Adjutant 1st and they came in for prizes. We, Capt. W. T. I, sleep on the ground side by side, in a soley tent -

The story you

Sun is in the central figure -

our hands on the banks put towards the

prize. Wind has been high. P.S. for

Pray to the children. Thrice now.

Much sympathizing that bills you from

your loving husband

Otis
Head Quarters 2nd Div

Nov. 17, 1862
Near Fredericksburg

Near Malvernita Va. Opposite Fredericksburg

My dear Lucy,

I write Mamma just right and think I will write you tonight. The rebel fired some heavy guns at some of our troops but did not hit a hurt among of us. This afternoon after we had pitched our tents nearly a mile and a half from the Deep-drawn, River, a number of big guns and a brigade of our soldiers were sent down to drive the rebels back from the other side of the river. This was done. Some of these guns will fire a ball three miles or further than it is from Augusta to Hallowell. The rebel guns fired one ball which hit a shell of Capt. Peters battery broke it. They soon ran away and our troops...
Marched down to the river and into the little town of Halworth, about a
quarter of an hour as Winchelsea village. Fredericks
is on the other side of the river. Must

Halworth
Holford

Fred

Fredericksburg is quite a large city.
Perhaps you would like to know who the

This table was

Capt. Baskerville. He takes charge of the

army and horses. Capt. Smith he takes care

of the soldiers. Capt. Green, he says the

guns and small arms are, so that they are

in good order. Capt. Whitfield. He wrote the


which help in storing,-caring for all the

guns and two battalions of his own.

Dr. Sherman in place of Dr. Sullivan says to all

the members of the regiment, I am sure, that

Sick, good night my dear Guy. Papa

May (for you) you must for him. Your (you might love).

Love from

Mrs. Otis

I heard of the death of Mr. Jameson a few

years ago. Mrs. Jameson's brother (Capt. Smith)

was very sorry. I am very glad to know

that the family is a member of the Church

and I was able to send strength

from one long closing his last pain of

sickness. I mean to write to him

Jameson. I don't think I shall be

allowed to go to Texas. This is quite a

good a place now I can get home

in one of sickening. I want to

go to Maj. Anderson to be

mustard in to cloth from his

almond mastic. He had last letter

about the medical certificates.

I shall write him by last mail.

He must stay here from or join army

at the least. In the mean time I shall

write to all my company

friends. I saw Ann Williams last

Sunday. Fine wine well. No army

sick. Good night my dear Guy. Papa

May (for you) you must for him. Your (you might love).

Love from

Mrs. Otis
Head Quarters 2nd Div.
2nd Corps near Falmouth Va.
Oct 19th 1862

My dear little daughter,

I wrote you a letter on the 25th of Sep. and now I learn another chance to send a letter and think you must write you. We are still in the same place as when I wrote you. I am writing to make some bridges before we can go on to drive back the rebels. Pope is now very well. His son in law is considerably hurt, but he is otherwise well. His horse “Martin” has learned to be cross since we went home. I am.

Sommers was hit and only saved by “Martin” who was hit and killed along side of “Martin” and the other seems to think he is killed. So in fact I am somers famously.

Besides this Dr. Palmer’s house burned and he distint seems to think so in 1st. yet somers 2nd.

Write soon and give my love,
went home while I was sick and a negro look took care of him and
being a suitable hove he took offense
and so now he puts back his ears
and acts as if he was going to kick. I
gave him a potato yesterday from
my hand which he turned around
and ate very kindly. He shall not
like to take him home if he does not
believe well. The horse carrier is
wanting for me. Will mamma I sent
a hundred dollars in large letter
love to mamma

"  "  "  "  "  "  "  "

"  "  "  "  "  "  "

"  "  "  "  "  "  "

"  "  "  "  "  "

"  "  "  "  "

O ma will we glad to get a letter.
Does they love me dearly?

With loving Father

V.W. Howard
Dear Sir,

Our mail has been suspended since we left Warrenton. We received no letters from you till today. Today we got our first letters by this week of Robert’s and Harry’s. I got two big letters, one little one from you enclosing 15c. and stamps. I was really glad to get them and very sorry that the mail was not better than it got in.

I think I wrote you from 8th. Never I had time from 8th to 10th, and hardly time from 10th to 12th. I have written very often since. I hope you have had my letters. I sent one by an orderly to Warrenton, and have sent them all directly to Washington. I stayed on two days; I dinneled u. letter to Long to your com. containing our hundred dollars. I sent

Yours

[Signature]
To leave the next day, but I think Long 30
or to you will yet know. An El Dorado
for they want by different routes. The
first communication by a steamer directly
to the nearest point near communicated
with Washington. Today we changed
and I a little amount of medicines (you do
understand?) and was living upon
with the steam train running very
hard and keen nearly all the afternoon. The
children letter not a great deal. How quickly
very have learned to write legibly. Almost
as quickly as the second time. They
both slept soundly with one end
now troubled. No, "must know." I think
these can load boats to make a young
man sick? For Ache don't you? I have
arrived my Eighth months boots today &
they provide very good work. I am
alright. They lived in the wrong.
The snow in coming through the
the fire of my shedding that night cheers my
letter. We much if look much more
different if otherwise would. They stand
has become quite demonstrated. I
think is contended. He has not yet
bought a horse. I had been furnished
with a public one for the present. If I
do not think it will be more expensive
for him, considering his because of
may he will be able to lend known
as much as perhaps more than
before. I believe them for in are
routinely pleased with each other. The
attention too is a fine young man, member
of the Episcopal Church of saints. Mr
D. W. has been well until today, the
was a slight indisposition today, the
bothers many times better than when
I found him in Phil. We have a
pretty hard storm to stand. But it will
prevail & so. The country will wonder.
When we went here fellows or six days, it
was
It seems to me I would like much to be with you again. (If it is right.) I do not feel certain that I am as good as you can get. If I did, I don't know as I should want to urge coming back. May the Lord give you all the guidance this time also as he did before. All well. Well now I am very glad to get your letter to me written 7 miles from my home before you arrived with the army. We were delighted to hear that you were all there soon to be resumed. Have you made it necessary to feel much inclined to return to duty. If it is your duty to continue in this War until either it is ended or my health is rendered unendurable I owe you & cannot not shrink from the labor, the hardship or the sacrifice. How shall I decide whether it is the duty? I made up my mind to accompany you if you should go to Texas. So far it is decided. What, if you do not go? My health is good. They say it has grown stronger. This it is by no means equal to the other & if I were an infantry officer I should be able to decide at once that I ought to resign. I could not make a mistake. I am not very physically
but I believe it is because her hands have been tied up to develop my muscles, since I got better.

Until something is provided shall continue to make the best of what is there. I trust those funds upon you, unless, in the course of returning, have you not been a little crowded in your stuff, have you, filled your third with you? From time to time I have been talking of the need of a bed. I believe if I could be little more to get a little more, a little more. I believe I should be better not to get a little more, if you think there is a tolerable chance to buy one.

This for the same reason, the cost of trouble of taking one on another. The difficulty of securing in a minute, once had, and another that I sent on my trip, there no the place I got, don't know that I got to the place, I come on.

Owen wrote in answer to me that he had hard and two pieces since they left Scotland. That they were moving their in his coming. Plenty of money to say sound, cheaper than him, 100/- with 5 other.

I don't believe this. Summer will cancel to see us again. How do you think, the first dozen in the first. I suppose.
Self more than with Christ, I believe
any favorable prufence are right
but I come so very few out of
them yet pray for us that I
may be enabled to do the will of
God. I write you a letter this
morning 1st April by a messenger
to Washington by the way of
Porto Point to the east. We
found

The messenger had been taken prisoner
of the New Jersey Musicians this evening
and he had a hundred dollars in

If Mrs Whitelaw also received

last night sight Whitelaw and I

I am so pleased with them that I must be a letter
for someone of us that we had two or

three immense Value bags brought in to
search, but there was such a huge

number that we gave up after about a half

hour's work. I was sorry to see that you seemed
to feel so sad & you said you kept forgetting off
writing tell you felt more like it or something

which I interpreted. I don't wonder at your

feelings, dealing, and how happy that you have
so good sense & behave so well. I have not
yet bought a horse for your lad but let him
ride a public one for the present till

Writer a letter to Mrs Stearns
and a beautiful to my kinsman
wife Otis
get to put at home and gives me much satisfaction. He does as well as he can, used to in establishing pickets. He just went to inquire into an unusual noise in the division. It is about 9 P.M. I have an excellent stuff now. Right. Who are you? know it. Does all his duty? So do the 24th. I write. I am very contented, though I can say I cannot be sure to last. I may campaign in the winter instead of be at home with my precious wife and children. The night air was pretty cold and foggy. We know had many rains; yet today I visited nearly all the hospital, in the 24th, and found only one man around sick from the measles, but Saywell is away with his Regt. repairing the road between Hollande and this place. The enemy are pretty strong in our front, have much artillery in position and are making preparations to disrupt our clothing. Our present bridge was arrived and will be put down. I do not know. I suppose we shall have to keep over soon, as we are getting supplies and in order to keep quite an arm in hand. I have. Benjamin & E. Murray seem to me to be a pleasant half-brother. This evening, Benjamin says he kept some garrison till he got into battle. Then he gave way, thinks he would give anything to break off, but can't. It has become a part of his discipline. Murray another member of the church. "Do sit at least noon very often." Benjamin said as he told me of his father's sudden death. I did not know of it. I feel badly to see as it will be the very first falling into ruin. I know no doubt God will lead us all to repentance but how much in love! I feel this sickness of more watchfulness and prayer. I am filled with
Leeds Nov. 24 1862

Dear Brother,

It is a bright cold morning with a little snow upon the ground which fell Saturday night. Sarah has just came down from Uncle Ensign's with both children—all well. She came to town last Fri. Down writing this to send it by Albert, uncle Ensign's boy, who is going right back. I hope to hear from them had a second letter from you before this. I answer to some of my question.

I have almost made up my mind to come out
and join you sailing the 1st of Dec. I shall go to Augusta tomorrow. Thank dad, that I may live in. I’m not “married in”. Be home at Presidents giving the bust for Washington next Monday. I hope to get there before Dec. 6th. Please write in care of Mr. Hay. at corner of K & 12th st. N.C.

My best wishes, Joe, at the above date. I thought I would attend to some business in N. of today. I hope also to get my last monthly pay before the first of Dec. I hope to have one here. When can I find you? Had I better wait till I meet you? If I get a letter from you before this week from today I can change my purpose and send you my resignation. I am feeling quite well except occasionally Rheumatism. Mother is well. We read with intent. I'm Summer’s proclamation to the Frederick’sburg Authority. What came of it? You and Mr. Nordland, you and Mr. Nordland, receiving in Boston. Those next seen here since you left. How did your hand yesterday (Soffling) read “Rosinace of Hope.” Kind regards & last but not least. Write me a line. I’m in New York with you.

Very Affectionately, Charles.
I will be forever thankful to you if you would do the kind
act of sending their photographs to me. You are leaving
that part from you. I don't know what a feeling you will
experience in the following year. I was distressed
about writing to you, but some
of your previous expressions would
not bring the only excuse left
for not writing there. Now
children's pictures. If you could
be as kind as wash me
something about the children,
I shall be. For your kind
letter. If it were not for
is something that
Dear General,

At home for Thanksgiving, I have time to tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to the Army, and how much I am indebted to you for your kind attention to me.

I am glad for many reasons that I went to the front, but the best among them is that I think it has been able to say a good word to you in the right place, and which I hope we have done will have a fitting answer. On my return to the Army, the General, other officers, and particularly yourself, I discovered that in high quarters the impression has been made that you were one of the special favorites, and it is said that a General who has not been so large a Commander
by the President. He is at one end of the story by your representation to
the Senate as Major General. Whatever I can do for you about a wound do put began 1 June in the Ohio, will not be neglected.

Your, very truly,

[Signature]

P.S. Good Regard to Col. and to my son to meet the at Alexandria written
of Wrenner, & so I had the pleasure to meet him the night after I left Wrenner. He was very well, & was sent by the [coy to
Harper's Ferry for the clothing of the 16th]

[Signature]
Dear [Name],

I will just write you a few lines to say that I am well and so is my wife. I have been working hard and keeping up my spirits. I have been in the same place as last letter I wrote.

Another week gone and I keep clean and well. It was arranged to try to keep the rooms busy, but my time. I was to lead a kind of life in your place. I got a good long letter from [Name] and I seem to miss it. I think I shall write the next time, but it just slipped out of my grasp. I am sorry you did not get the other one. I have written back to you. I have also been thinking of that gentleman when he wrote the letter to me. I am now about the same. I think [Name] has been worse with a cold. I have been thinking of you lately, but if it was not written I was not prepared to write without previous. I hope you will have a curious sight on opening his eyes to a dreary morning. I wear [Name] the bath with [Name].

I called out the first bath today, and
Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concerns about the current situation. I was informed that the local government has decided to implement a new policy that will affect the lives of many people. I believe that this decision was made without proper consultation with the affected citizens. I urge you to reconsider this decision and find a solution that will benefit everyone involved.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]
Leeds Nov. 24th, 1862

"Thanksgiving day"

To my brother,

It is a beautiful winter day. The ground is covered with snow, and the sky is bright and clear. The sun shines warmly, and the air is crisp and invigorating.

The wind is blowing steadily from the north, and the trees are swaying gently in the wind. The sound of the doves and the chirping of the birds can be heard throughout the day.

The snow is falling gently, and the landscape is transformed into a winter wonderland. The trees and bushes are covered in a thick layer of snow, and the ground is blanketed with white.

The children are out playing in the snow, building snowmen and making snow angels. They are having a wonderful time, and the sound of their laughter fills the air.

The animals are also enjoying the winter weather. The squirrels are active, and the birds are flying around, searching for food. The deer are out grazing in the meadow, and the rabbits are hopping through the bushes.

The landscape is a sight to behold, and it is hard to believe that this is the same place that was once covered in summer heat.

The snow will soon melt, and the landscape will change once again. But for now, we can enjoy the beauty of the winter season and the peace that it brings.

With love,

[Your Name]
I was very glad to get your letters to Lizzie & the children as I had not heard from you since the time you arrived with the boys.

I had a telescope in the new town last night by one of Misner's, but Maj. Jimmie did not come up to A. But I did not care much as I got my "plunder" all right down there. It was a pleasant visit at the Maj.'s house. He is about 73 years of age, and very kind to the boys. The last I told him was that we were going home again.

In my family, from what you wrote last night about my having to live in the house, it seems to me that the boys would like it better if they could have me. I would like to do some loving for you. I have decided not to leave here till Monday. I was intending to leave Monday - hard to think of it.

This is not too late. Wed. at least can get to Washington before Sat. I hope to find a letter from you in one of your letters (Nov 6th, 12th). I trust you will get a saddle soon. The boys can make one if you like. Lizzie is troubled a little wit...
Portland Nov 27 1862

Mr. D. D. Howard
Dear Sirs,

I write to inform you that I can send you the sum that is due to you - $260 dollars with interest from 21st of May last and $8 dollars due on Bank Stock.

I have no particular use for it at present. I will either send you the money or invest it for you in some stock here as you direct.

We intended to have invited you to Portland to spend Thanksgiving with us, if we had expected to remain at home. We had thought of going to Quincy & spend Thanksgiving with Susie but got disappointed. Hope you and the children are all well.

Yours Ass't with much love.
Uncle Edw.
W. J. Meurer Talmouth
Nov 23, 1962

Dear [Name],

I shall have to write you another short letter this morning, for the mail carrier is waiting for me to give him 15 minutes. I was too tired to write last night.

Order W. T. [a] I worked on official papers till 11 P.M. In the morning I began at Talmouth and reconnoitered all the pinkest line of the Cape, from nine A.M. till one P.M. at dinner and then wound off on foot to select a plan for Head No. 1. I found one of the pinkest lines of the Cape, running from nine A.M. till one P.M. at dinner and then wound off on foot to select a plan for Head No. 1. I found a fairly level spot about a

of some sort. The cedars around us
an 200 miles East or we an entirely
protected against the wind. The
prospects of immediate action
are not strong. We are probably
waiting for information of
To let this information by the James
River have a chance. I think
our hands will get there by the
of August, but we shall see.
The army in this vicinity is in
good health & spirits. Long
Stevenson A.D. & is well & healthy.
Fred comfortable till now &
tried in my turn. I feel that
you & she can get much comfort
out of both our society. Our
Jackson is reported in rear some
with 30,000 men. And we
keep with another much born to
array's Kissim to 12th or 13th edition
The divine blessing which we
all
strongly
This
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, November 22, 1862.

Sir:
You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you

Major General of Volunteers,

in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant General of the Army, your acceptance or non-acceptance; and, with your letter of acceptance, return the oath herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, and report your age, birthplace, and the state of which you were a permanent resident.

You will report for duty to

Majr. Gen. Oliver O. Howard
U. S. Volunteers.

Edwin M. Stanton
Secretary of War.
Thread Stoner
Rutland VT
Nov 29 1902

My dear Brother,

I received a

good long letter from you last night

posed Nov. 6. (1907) and I wished to reply. I doubt if this letter gets to you before you leave for Washington, but I will direct it so that Mother

will open it if you are gone. All

the questions you asked I have answered in previous letters. I want you for an aide

if you can well. But if you cannot be

well I should prefer that you have

the comfort of homes to sleep in.

I have a beautiful place you can

and

Mother now on the top of a high

bluff completely surrounded by

cedars. The slopes are covered with

wood. It is a little too

....
for from my home last the beauty of the present scene are to me.

Sailor Whittemo is well and quiety does his whole duty. He is still with us, though just now gone to Washington for summer leave.

Sailor Williams is well & seems to stick by me. Captain Smith is at Old St. Simon's, some 80 miles. St. Andrew's is at old St. Andrew's. Everything seems to work well for the very pleasant view of knowing what a day they bring to us, but we know who rules on high.

Wish him to William. [illegible]

Send kind remembrances to all the neighbors. We are waiting here because the boat goes so.

Very affectionately,

[illegible]

[illegible] 1872
Leeds, Nov. 30th 1862

My dear Lizzie,

I was much pleased to get your letter - to learn a word about yourself and your darling children - and your Thanksgiving - at this I was happy enough to get a letter myself from this the evening I reached home - Wednesday.

It was written the same time as yours - best of it the next day - the mail had come to stay at home till I should be quite well - very, very well.

On consideration I decided to stay one day longer than I had intended! - So I expect now to go soon tomorrow.
To spend one night at New
town & go to Boston in the 5th
morning train.

One wrote in the best of
spirits—seemed happy, con-
tented & cheerful.

I felt somewhat blue

tonight, I hardly know why.

I very seldom have depres-
sions of the kind—especially
when well—so I am now.

Your solicitude about
my going home hungry
was almost amounting to
me—one old Comrade

I did not think of such
a thing—at least—I do not

know you—But as you imagined
I dined at rather a late

hour—

Maj. Gordon was very

kind—Made out the paper

properly—Must say we're in
as I desired—introduced me to Mrs. S. was sociable & invited me cordially to dine with them—

I could not refuse the true atch, it was then about 1 P.M. I knew I would be late home—The travelling was so hard—The wagon dragged like an anchor—The box "fell" and once slipped & fell breaking the harness & compelling me to get out into the mud which gave me thelean of cold feet the rest of the way home—The route was a new one to me & the storm made me rather cold wet—I was contented—But nothing like being sound to rough weather I disagreeable— I guess I
Was it so good humor or unwell as soon as I was warmly seated before the blazing fire at home? — I especially after reading the 6 pages from ET — he does not believe the General's other ideas will agree to this going with Banks —

We enjoyed Thanksgiving — Roland sent them at dinner & we all drove there to Theta Potter & a woman of Brecken's to us in evening — I had my first sleigh ride for the mail that night — Mother fine — Young not bad — Cook better back to his. I chowed next morning. Mother was greatly pleased with the sweet potatoes, & we all enjoyed your contribution to the Thanksgiving dinner —
Portland arrived here yesterday evening from Bath. We (Father, mother, I) were at Mrs. Pomeroy's but got home early. We spent the afternoon there very agreeably. Emma had been home from her school, and a young lady friend—Louise—who Eunice had just come from Lawrence. That my pants, which had been colored deep blue from light. We had a pleasant sleigh ride home by moonlight and a happy surprise in finding Portland here. We went up in the train last night—Ella and Demi not yet come from Bath. Today has been pleasant. I got another sleigh ride in taking Bella home who goes to school tomorrow. We
Miss her much. Her brother Clark will be home in 6 or 8 days. His wound is no better.

There was meeting at the Centre today but we had no notice of it except the bell & as I was just starting with Frances—now you got to church.

Father Mother went up to see Mrs. George Lott, who is just alive.

Love to Miss Anne. Perhaps may recover of in "sitting" what she has lost in skating by this snow. All here we have a long hill out here to ski down but I will soon be gone to Yankton where there is no snow.

Kiss Janie. Sweet boy. About a dozen times for me.

Yours affectionately, Brother Charles.
Head Quarters 2nd Div. 2nd Corps Nov. 30th 1862  
Near Falmouth Va.

Dear Miss,

I have spent this Sabbath morn

writing seemingly in a very unprofitable

sermon. I hope you have been

more excitable. I have only attended
to business. I believe that there are

wishes today and that Chaplains have

every facility to hold services with their

Regiments. But what’s the good of it

when there is only one chaplain and he

“no better than he should be.” I thought

many letters from you. I fear they will be

the way, somewhere. I think I have not

but three besides those of my taste. Since

I left home. I got one from Charles a day or

two ago. He’s in doubt about coming back. If he
gets well and strong I don’t know any

more amiable or virtuous than those

Charles, but I feel that he had

better not come if STILL suffering.

Much love

to you my dearest wife. Asking when

you see the children of both our prayers. I
remain your loving husband.

C.S.
we are having beautiful weather now —
the forests & the rain seem disturbed;
the hardships of the road & the roads, &c.
Barrett has his regiment still near Belleville —
repairing roads. We'll from this place
to Mackinac — now in running order
and the whole below. I have just
received another letter from chamber
and he says he shall start tomorrow for
Washington and wants a letter from me to send him there. I am again
interested and must go out to look
some troops. I want one plane the last
sentence, near without the two hills.
for batteries and placed a Regiment
for the support of one of three;
this is done for fear the enemy might
attack; but I do not fear that at
present. I had a letter from Barrett
intimating that I was to go with him
Barrett. I suppose he got his informa-
tion from some higher officer or
letter and therefore do not plan
any reliance on that subject. I
have heard nothing from you in
Barrett or the War Department on
the subject. We all continue very
well, I have been particularly well
since I got well; my room dries a
little but it is not much speaking
of. I have had a twinge of inflammation
since the ground has got damp. I have
shufled on my cot. The air comes in some
of these cold nights making my face a
little cold and sometimes John gets
up pretty early sometimes and by
order to build a fire. Capt. Whittey
made him a brand instead and two
poor plants from some box sent from Washington with our Stationary.
This letter is in two parts. First:
you know they can
be held up so as to make a纱
will be dry and when washed together
make a warm box at night. The letter to whom
I submitted my drawing says: After deciding
that it was his own, too low for the