At the ford – 1 P. M.

[1863]

Colonel

I have been delayed with the 110 Ambulances and forage wagons. It is impossible to get them over the river and I will probably be detained here an hour or longer if it is desired to have me see to them. Please send me word by orderly (if you send one back) as to what you desire me to do.

Very Truly Yours

R. M. Rogers

Lt. Col.

Lt. Col. C. W. Hampton

Chief of Staff

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Lt. Col. C. M. Asmussen
Chief of Staff

New Falmouth Va
New Years
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[Jan 1] 1863

Dearest

I will just write you a line to say that we are all well. It is mean treason O'Clock. I have felt such a burden for my country that I have written a hasty article to the times under my signature whether wise or not for the end I have in view viz: to do good I cannot tell. I have acted sincerely. God bless you dear. Love to you & the children. Harry is well, tell Miss S..

Lovingly
Otis

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himself with Lucals Children.
Mother spent only New
Years Day with us, & we
could not prevail on her to
stay longer - she seemed well
and to enjoy her visit -
I read a letter from Dr Wiggin
to a Sister-in-law of his tonight.
He speaks of his visit to
you and his hopes in
case you are promoted -
I wrote Lizzie a New Years
letter, in wh. I sent
the balance of pay for
the wood - now sold or
consumed - and hope it
will elicit a reply - my
pen goes very wrong now
I am so nervous after the
labors of a day - a call on
a sick & dying woman being
added to the above - and
I guess I'll stop - much
love from your sister Ella & Brother
Rinland

Give much love to Ellen. Thank him for his frequent letters

Farmington Sabbath
Nov. 4. 1863. 9 P.M.

My dear Brother Otis

Charles sometimes writes that you enjoy my accts. of my Sab. services, and so I will employ a few moments before retiring recounting them - I preached a New Years Sermon this morn: Rom. 13. 11-12 - showing the folly & unreasonableness of sleep - when duty calls & danger threatens as it does now - I enjoyed reading my Sermon and wish I could have preached it without notes - This P.M. my Sermon was on Eph. 5. 14 The darkness, sleep & death of Sin - till Christ give light - Our meeting was unusually full and our

communion well attended = Father Rogers always assists me at the latter = none joined the Church today = Tonight was our "Monthly Concert of prayer for the Conversion of the world" - was rather thinly attended as it is apt to be - It takes a large share of Christian to feel towards Christian Missions as one ought = Unless our faith be great our prayers scatter & generalize at the point "Thy Kingdom Come" = We have adopted a "family monthly subscription" for the present year = I hope there is no chiding so small or poor but will give one cent per month - The Board is now greatly embarrassed by the high rates of exchange

Ella says "till Charles I am reading the Life of Lemuel Norton presented by him" - She breaks out laughing & reads me the good "Elders" unsophisticated passages occasionally = David sleeps so soundly as to almost to snore in the cradle = We have had 10 days of the most beautiful weather I ever remember in a Maine Winter - Such sleighing - Such perfect moonlight nights! Perry arrived at Sarahs last Evening - He has been gaining all the time & seems very comfortable I called a few moments after meeting - Ollie Hazard came with him - no one else - and goes back tomorrow = He (Perry) seems to enjoy

Hdqrs 1st Div. 9th
New Falmouth, Va.
Jan 4. 1863.

Dearest.

I have not written you during the past week so often nor so much as I wish I had. I come back from Brooks Post and found that John had fixed up my tent very nicely: he put my table in order and "stood up" Guy & Grace photographs by the side of a book, so that Guy looked sober at papa & Grace smiling. Guy is sorry papa is gone and Grace is glad he is coming home. Perhaps this picture taking is serious business with Guy, but a pleasant novelty to Grace. I wish Jennie the little rogue with his "papa's been all gone" I wish I could know how you are, my darling wife. I hope you are not prepared with excessive anxiety

makes his eyes sparkle so much as the mention of taking him home by Capt. Whittlesey. He reads aspects by himself very often. He comes out of his tent & says where is the bag-a-g bag. Charlie must write Guy a description of Jenny & his doings. He rejoices greatly at the idea that his pattern mother & friends are free. I cannot convince these boys that Slavery is so much better than freedom. I hope you are enjoying just such a beautiful day as we are. Mr Stimson has just come in to report the condition of the 3d Brigade which he has been inspecting. He is well & tanned as ever. Much love from Jasper to all. Mother feels very sad. Mrs. Hutchins - Waterbury & Young Bussy were very near home. Your loving husband

Otis

{ Love to all }

for at this time it is so very necessary for you to be as Mr McKenzie thoughtfully you were calm & happy. I was just thinking you never told me whether you kept up the habit of regular family prayers just before breakfast. I presume you do. I would like to have you tell me of your daily exercises, so that I can think of you all at such times as thus engaged. Dear Charles, Capt. Whittlesey & myself take turns, just after breakfast & just before retiring, in reading from the Scriptures & in prayer. To day we have services in my tent at 11 A.M. Capt. Whittlesey is to lead. In the morning I go to their tent as soon as I am dressed on my way to breakfast: in the evening they come into mine. Spring Burrill was here day before yesterday, & his wife, Katy, & mother were very well. I invited him to dine with me yesterday, but he sent me word he was on a court and could not be here. He was full of nonsense as usual. I think he swears & drinks. He told me how much "egg. nog." he made and dealt out on New Years. He had a good deal to say about Gen. Grant. Yesterday I visited Genl. Buncombe. He is afraid the rebels opposite us have sent reinforcements to Bragg. What a terrible battle in Ky. Poor Joshua Gill is dead. Slavery dies hard and costs us a bitter sacrifice, but I hope and trust we have invested our blood and treasure for eternity. They, the rebels, will have it so, and our Government has come up to the issue that Providence has imposed, viz. the emancipation of Slaves. You should see our colored boys around these Wd. Qs. They are all learning to read. Tom is Bran. Capt. W's boy. He affords himself and other people a great deal of amusement. Nothing

Head Quarters 2nd Div^n
Jan 5, 1863

My dear Guy

Mr Alvord, much
chagrined at your papa took a
ride the other day to
find
his
[illegible]

pattern and just
as we were passing the
Hartwood road we saw an ox-cart
like the above. It was an unusual
sight in Virginia, but its contents,
a lot of colored children: the short
horns of the oxen, and the intensely
old appearance attracted our attention
and I thought I would try to draw
it for Guy. You don't see so many
of these colored boys & girls as papa
does. Uncle Sebastian says they are
very jubilant: i.e. they laugh & play

a great deal. I don't think they
play any harder or any more th
you and Wally Stinson. You must
write papa about those Stinso
boys. Tell him their names &
which are older than you and
describe them so that he wou
know them if he should me
them in Richmond when ou
Army gets there. How is dearest
Mamma. Does she look out
of the window any more. When Mamm
first went to Troy she used to be a lit
homesick now & then and she wou
seem to look out of the window &
over the river at a ste
barren hill side where the rocks &
soil had slid down. Papa had a review
today of two Brigades. Did you ever se
a review? Suppose
the little dots to be
the men in Regts. facing
towards P. That begins the
review – They all passed
across & then P. goes & looks
at each man. Then goes back.
Now all march past P. as
the lines stand & then we look where the dots a

you dont know how much comfort my two little children are. They stand beside an old book that I think uncle Charlie must have borrowed over in Fredericksburg. He said "there was a great many books lying around loose" and perhaps he picked one up. This is the way the children look  towards papa - who is sitting in front of the table on which uncle's old book is lying. John has made a different kind of wash stand for Papa in this way, it is thus:  with the towel stand close by. but papa dont wash there for that is too near the door and it is often too cold. so I often place a box thus  right before the fire close up to the hearth. Papa now has a barrel of apples or rather a barrel half full of apples near his trunk. Do you have any good apples?

You see I tried to make an apple like the fine looking one on my table but I could not without your red paint. John has now come in to fix papa's bed. Uncle Chas. is here and Aunt Whittemore will soon come for reading in the Bible and prayers. How is it Mary? Do you love to do what is right? Do you try to live as you know the Saviour wants you to? I hope you Olivia & little Jamie are quite well. Papa expected a letter from Mamma tonight but it did not come. He hopes you are all very well. Many kisses on of these days & much love from your loving Papa —

W. Howard

Mr Mary Howard

Brunswick Jany 5th
1863

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir, My son Wm H. Smyth, as you may be aware, after a short term in the Volunteer Service in Kansas, was appointed, more than a year since, a 1st. Lieut. in the U. S. Regular Army in the 16th Infty. He was kept on the Recruiting Service some six mos; thence was ordered to camp ~~Douglas~~ Coolidge near Chicago on camp duty, and thence recently to Fort Ontario, Oswego N.Y. for better Winter Qrs I suppose for the men. I have just returned from a visit to him, and find that he has already acquired a high reputation among his associate Officers for ability in the Service. He has, I know, great energy and decision of character combined with sound judgement & indomitable perseverance. His education, habits of study, & tastes, all adapt him to the military profession which is now his choice. He is already an accomplished Officer in

the root of this wicked rebellion, I have great confidence that God will prosper our efforts to put it down.

Praying, my dear Sir, that God will give you health and life and eminent success in the discharge of duty, I am in the bonds of christian affection,

Most truly & respectfully
Yours Wm Smyth.

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all that pertains to his profession thus far, and I found it the unanimous opinion of his associates that he is qualified for a much higher position than he now occupies. He could have obtained a higher commission at the outset, but he entered the service modestly, determined to work his way up, and to secure promotion by deserving it. He has long been anxious to get into more active service, and has become conscious of ability to serve in a higher position than that which he now occupies. He would be an accession as a Field Officer to any of our Volunteer Regiments. The position, however, which he would first of all prefer, would be, if it were possible, a place on your Staff, both on account of its relation to you, and the kind of service it would afford. He would not leave the Regular Army for the Volunteer Service. But for some such place as I have indicated he could, I presume, get leave of absence from the Secretary of War.

You know something of the young man. From my own knowledge of him, from personal observation of him at the Fort, and from the unanimous testimony of the Officers there, given to me unasked, I can have no doubt that he would fill with manifest ability any of the places to which I have referred. Major Coolidge, Commandant at the Post, spoke to me of him in the strongest terms, remarking that he possessed in a high degree that "indescribable something" essential to success in the military profession, which few possess, and no education can bestow. I would refer to the Major & to Capt Prescott of his Regiment for testimony in regard to him. I might refer to other his superiors in office, but have not their address. Major Coolidge & Capt Prescott are now at Oswego.

I write to call your attention to my Son, without intending any solicitation in his behalf. Having given him to God and his country's service, I only wish that his abilities, whatever they may be, may be employed to the best advantage.

Now that at last the case is laid at

Head Quarters 2nd Div 4c
June 7th 1863

Dearest.

Our anxiety with reference to Rosecrans is now somewhat relieved and nine tenths to my lessen. What is the reason I do not hear from you? I fear you or one of the children may be ill. I was sure I should get a letter last night but "Hughes" the mail carrier came in with two news papers and "no letter, sir." I wrote Guy a short letter with some pen-sketches, day before yesterday. We are all very well. I have been reviewing my command. Yesterday I was to review Col Owen's brigade. but there came on a rain & prevented the review. Today I am going with Col Owen to inspect his brigade. and this

afternoon brought the news that was counted yesterday. I am thinking seriously of going to Phila.. I would if I had a Gen'l.. Officer to take my place in the Division and yet I dearly like the service without going home or meeting you. If Maria & you were both well I should ask you to meet me there. but I had better come home for a day or two than that as it is. Tell Mrs Stinson that Henry is well. It is a beautiful day. Much love to Lizzy Jennie & Jamie. & much love to yourself.

May God bless you in his lovely keeping.

Lovingly
Your husband
Otis

Near Falmouth Va.
January 8th 1863.

My dear little daughter.

Papa wrote lazy and then Mamma and thinks it is now your turn. Uncle Charlie is in papa's tent and eating an apple while reading an interesting news paper. He has now gone and St. Stinson's colored boy has come in to get some sugar. Now he has gone. This makes me think of two things the boy & the sugar. This boy is about as big as our "Tom" but you never saw our Tom. He is about the size of Mr Blaine's oldest. (is his name Walter?). He has curly hair, black eyes. but his skin is not exactly black. the white & the black both appear. not spotted, but a wave of white follows close upon a wave of black. The sugar comes in a barrel. Capt Bullock can now commissary

brought by it and for fear that little
colored boys would put their hands
in the barrel too often when it was
deposited - the Capt. put it in
my tent. Evening. I have
just received a budget of letters
one from Mamma. She tells
Papa the sad news that Guy
learns something wrong almost
every day. Papa hopes & prays
that his little boys may
strive to do right every day.
Do you try hard to do the
things you know Jesus loves?
Papa finds it hard to do what
he knows to be right but he
prays & asks God to help him.
Your two brubrotyzpes dont look
as if you would do wrong. They
are very smart children. Give
much love for Papa all around
and pray for Papa in real earnesty

Very lovingly your father
V. O. Howard

I send you a picture from the Colorado Graphic.
I would have one, but ~~not~~ wish to write Mamma.

Ohio January 8th 1863

My dear Grace

I cannot tell you how delighted I was to get a letter from you. I feel a great big girl you have grown since I saw you. You write just the same way as you did in his letter before we were all at West Point. I often think to myself if you are as big as Lilly French was when we left West Point. I should like to go to

have to wait now until I write again. Pray you look in your likeness just the same as you did the day Mr. Mc Cook called you a girl. I think if he saw you now he would not think you were a girl. Do you think he would. Pray darling I did hear that your Papa lost his arm I always heard about him when in Washington and I was there at the time. I need not tell you that I was very sorry when I heard it. Katy Carroll was there a part of that time and she often said to me that she would not take you to her Maine because you did not take her to your Maine. She fought there just as much as she did on that point. Pray excuse this letter I have a great deal more to tell you but have to wait for the next time. Write soon to me

Dear Putnam too Grace with you but I would like to go in summer and I think you would not like to go up there such a cold day as this is. Do you remember the time we would go up there to gather nuts. What a nice time we had then Grace. I am sorry it did not last longer. Grace I have a piece of your hair that you gave me one day when we lived at the black gate in the little cottage and also a piece of Guy's that he gave me the same time after you Mamma sent it. Well I must tell you what I do sometimes with those two pieces of hair. I take them out and look at them for a long time and then I kiss them very often before I put them away again. I suppose you think that Susan is a very queer girl to be kissing your hair. But you must know that Susan loves you now as dearly as she ever did.

Good bye now Grace and I hope you will not forget to write soon again to me. Tell Jamey that Susan sent him three kisses and I hope you will give them to him for me.

Your old friend
Susie

My darling Guy

I was intended to write a very long letter to you this time but I think I will

Phila. January 8th 1863

Dear Mrs Howard

I return you my sincere thanks for the likenesses. I received both and feasted my eyes on them for a considerable length of time. I think there is a greater change in Grace than in Guy at least I fancy so. She looks as beautiful — as ever in my eyes but much larger. I think she has grown more rapidly than Guy; but I suppose I cannot

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tell very well from the likenesses. I am very happy to learn that that boy and brother are well. I trust that Almighty God will protect them and keep them from all harm.
When looking over the news paper daily I try to see if it contains any news about Wm Forward and I don't think there ever has been a piece on the papers here that I did not see and cut out.
Hoping always to have an opportunity of hearing occasionally from you

I remain
Very thankfully yours
Susan W. Fry

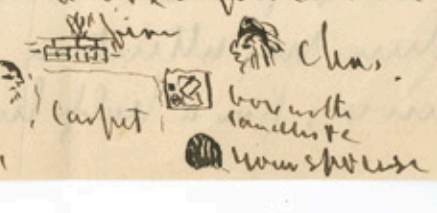
of my own staff. Capt. Dunn has sprained his ankle & cannot step. I fear it will hold him on his bed a long time. My horse Charlie fell with me the other day while crossing a corduroy bridge, so as to stretch his fore-tops: but he came up again and I remained fast in the saddle as if I was a part of the horse & did not get hurt. Mr Stevenson looks happy in his green & gowned his handkerchief. How much love to all the little ones. Remember me to Mrs Stevenson. I consider Mr. Osbourne as very fortunate & hope God will prosper him. Much love & God bless you all

Mrs Livingstone

Church Quarters &c.
Near Falmouth Va.
Jan. 10 1863

Dearest

The express box came this evening with our warm sleeping gowns all safe. I did not find you inside but found an expression of your love in this good coat which cost you so much work & perhaps pain; and it so peculiarly nice and acceptable that I long to pay you in the usual coin, & return that which does not go by mail or telegraph. You can hardly tell how comfortable we are this rainy night. Chas. is writing on a box: you can see the relation



positions: thus.

except W. has now taken his departure with the remark I doubt if I make my appearance in this quarter again tonight. It was so very much work to put on his rubber coat & boots. He said when I told him you wished the box was bigger so you could get in: "Tell her I hope she will not come in a box. it takes so long for it get here. I like to hear him say these things his eyes twinkle so good-humoredly. Who put in the nuts that we have been enjoying and the figs! What a "petite boite" that of the figs. P.S. I wrote that P.S. & then my attention was called away for a half hour. Now I cannot find in all the corners of my brain what letters came to fill air the P. Charlie says he had not volunteered to write to Prof Smyth on answer to a letter in behalf of his son William. I should not have written you this. Mr Alvord is now here just come from Washington. He has taken Mr Whittlesey's relation position as to pin & box &c. Gen Sumner went to Washington for four days two days since putting Gen. Sedgwick in command of the Grand Corps & me in command of the Corps. I go down to Corps Head Quarters twice a day & settle all business & then return to enjoy the more congenial atmosphere

Philadelphia January 11th 1866

My My dear Friend

I feel almost ashamed to redeem my promise to your noble brave Husband that I would write to you but better late than never so I will write to-night. I have been waiting to have a little card of baby Clara taken to send to you. I wanted to send Ernie's picture too but have not yet had it taken. The children frequently speak of Genl Howard and every night my little God daughter prays for him. Dear good man how proud you must feel of him and how thankful you must be that you have such a Husband & that your little ones have such a Father. He did enjoy his visit to us so thoroughly. He told us of you and the little ones. I can only think of you as my sweet little friend in the cottage next door to us at West Point. We did not realize how truly happy we were then. & yet I am never sad & even the memory of those days makes me feel happy. Mama Geble is just going off

have still in wear some of the things which you so kindly allowed me to stitch upon your machine. I hope I have not tired you my dear friend by this long egotistical epistle. Clara Paige comes to stay with me tomorrow. Good night & good bye. With every wish for your happiness & welfare. with a "Happy New Year" to you & the little ones believe me ever

Sincerely your attached friend

Sarah B. F. Geble

9th above Walnut
Philadelphia

to bed and says send my warmest love & tell Mrs
B— that her good Husband promised that she should
send me one of his cartes de visite — Mr Howard (I
ought to say but Mr seems like old times & my dear
husband's friend) brought me a sweet book with
beautiful & touching title "The pleasures of Memory
& pleasures of Hope" & in it he placed my name &
two texts of Scripture — "The Lord gave & the Lord hath
taken away blessed be the name of the Lord" & "Come
unto me all ye that labor & are heavy laden & I will give you
rest" he also gave each of the little ones a book & a toy.
I have the things put away most carefully as they
will appreciate them much more when older — I have read
their books to them however. I think it is wonderful
how well he writes & how handy he is — and how
patient & full of trust in God — dear good man — I love
him better than ever & felt so thankful that he
had been kind enough to stand sponsor for our
little one — I think having so good a Godfather will
make it easier for her to take those solemn vows upon
herself from his example. She is the liveliest gayest & brightest
little thing I ever saw & very active — Edwin is much more
sedate — She has a cheerful happy bright disposition & sings all
days — but Edwin often frets — Mr Howard said you wanted
one of dear Papa French's cartes & I have promised to send
one to you as soon as I can obtain one unfortunately the
plate is broken & he will have to sit again — I can
scarcely realize that Guy can go to school — Do my
dear friend write to me when you have time and
tell me all about yourself and your dear little
ones I was glad to know that you were at housekeeping
for I know just how you enjoy it — I heard from
Mrs Vaughn that your brother Charlie had returned
to Mr Howard — Johnnie Weir has his studio in New
York this winter — Mrs Mendall at West Point has a
little daughter & Mr Blunt is at home — I am so glad
for Maggie — Lizie Clara had a Christmas present
of a nice saddle horse from Mr Pennington — he
brought a Wheeler & Wilson machine last week — it has
a glass foot, brush pad, a hemmer which slips in without
unscrewing anything & a glass foot with which you can
embroider braiding without basting — My children

Boston January 11 1863

Mrs Sarah Woodman

Madam

I have sent
upon this day a set
of nice Hudson Bay
Sable Furs and put
the price as near the
limit as possible viz
$225.00 for the set which
is really very cheap
for the quality and much
lower than the usual
price also a dark American
Sable Muff @ 20.00 which
we think can not fail
to please you - These furs
are sent at the request
of Mr Homer Rice with the
understanding that if not
satisfactory they shall

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be returned immediately at your expense.

Yours Respectfully

Geo Osgood

P.S. The price of the cape alone is $170.– and the muff $55.–

Curtis' Corner Jan. 13th/63

Dear Mrs Howard

It was with great pleasure that I received your kind letter and I thank you much for your kindness in remembering me and for the present you was pleased to make me

I am much better than I was though still very weak Dr Gorin was here yesterday He said I was getting along well and if nothing new happens I shall soon get better We hope you would like to hear from Brother He has not yet got home but has got as far as Boston He has been there about three weeks Since he has been there he has had the ball cut out of his foot He hopes to be able to come home by the last of this week I do hope he may I would like to see you all very much especially Jennie I did not know

how much I did love him until he went away Please give him many kisses from me Mother sends an especial kiss for him too Give much love to Guy and Grace and tell them I want to see them very much I hope they have fine times attending school this winter Please excuse this poor writing for I am scarcely holding my pen I hope you have very good meetings there

Accept this with much love from

Isabella Curtis

Head Quarters 2nd Div. 2nd Corps
New Falmouth Va.
Jan. 14. 1863.

My dear Mrs S. & children as I am now glad I have got mine on with this white cover.

I have that uncle Hicks' boy started to come out here. He will probably be here by Thursday night. I got the paper you sent with the Governor's message contained. I read it all through aloud and was glad I did. For good wholesome common sense and for good taste the language is not surpassed by any similar documents. And I agree with it without reservation. Gov. Wolcott's thinks our Soldiers asylum handsomely up to those in Massachusetts. Otherwise he expressed his warm concurrence. We have had a terrible thing occur here. That has cast a shade over our life at Head Quarters. One of the colored boys. Andrew. who worked for Lieut

he has a good place under Major Breck and is thankful for it – asks for news Howard & the children. Mrs Robbins is with her sister Julia Seville but on the other day an officer & a Sergeant on Somebody's staff. the appeared well. Robinson has got his commission – About all my Soldier boys have done well. The Brigadier comes to see us occasionally. Sunday evening last we had a good service in my tent, the bookshelf, & bottom of commissary of 2nd Vs upside, serving & spoke to us. The Colored was present Capt. W – read the text – Hymns & exhortations &c. I don't think you can have such good times, but you know you have the children which are such a bottomless comfort. I wouldn't mind the bother much if Jennie wouldn't tumble down those long stairs. Much love to them all (with affection

Otis

and love to you all)

Steel, Ord. Officer, and who waited on all of us at table every day was sent by Mr Steel to get a washing at Falmouth Va. He was returning with the clothes on horseback when he was accosted by a soldier, one of several straggling from the Irish brigade picket guard on their way to camp. The soldier said - dismount and give me your horse. He said I cannot, I am taking clothes to Lieut. Howard. The man cursed him & told him, his five lives - raised his gun to shoot him - Andrew rode clear up here about a mile & told me the story - yesterday, the next day after the outrage, the doctors took his arm off at the shoulder. The wound was so bad that he has since died. He was a good boy, kind and thoughtful at all times & I believe a follower of Christ. He was very sincerely beloved at these head quarters by every-body. He has gone to his God, but the murderer has not yet been found. In the Irish brigade they are so clannish that they will screen each other from all deserved punishment. The good boys blood is upon them - and God will require it at their hands. Lieut. Howard writes that he will start back tomorrow, I hope his health is completely restored. I received a letter which I will enclose from Mr. Mack's clergyman. I wrote a letter of sympathy to Mrs Mack. I wish we had known her personally: I think of Mrs Lutz & of Mrs Mack & now of poor Mrs Howard and how many more. What can we say, dear Mrs Long; O, how long! I have there is a notice of him. I fill in the papers, but my pickaninny I have not yet seen one. Charles is well. He has just written to Rutherfurd. Rutherfurd's time is out

Head Quarters
1st Div. 9th Corps
Near Falmouth Va.

Dearest. January 16. 1863

The order has come to be ready to march at an early hour tomorrow morning. but I have no idea yet when we are going. I do not think to Washington, & I must say that I do not wish to take my family to that place to stay any length of time. My services, if worth anything are for the field. The experience of the last year & a half has been in field service. But I do want the work to be over that I may rejoin my beautiful little family in the quietude of home. Such may be the will of God. It will doubtless be the case

the 17th inst. The former told me about the little box containing the nice dressing gown and the latter was in good spirits & told you about receiving the box in a former letter. My cloak or coat is splendid, warm & pretty. Amy's letter came last night with yours. He said mamma was troubled ache, I hope it does'nt ache often, poor thing. Amy did not misspell a word, nor make any but a mistake. I am glad Uncle Hicks is coming out, but feel sorry he is going to sell because there is so little permanency to this business. I think Lewis Mull & Co would make a good company of sub-sistence, if he could get the appointment. I will write him on the subject —

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if he has any more work for me to do. Mrs John Harris has just sent me some cards and books. The first one reads: "The Spirit and the bride say, Come! and let him that hears say, Come! And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22.17." When Mr Alwood brought in the cards and bundles and I took up this one it touched me and slightly disturbed my equanimity. Am I ready? Christ can make me so. How beautiful, how sweet the welcome! Come & partake of the water of life freely. Dear, I covet for you a very strong faith. God has imposed on you a heavy burden at the best but only what He will give you the grace and strength to bear. There is so much of earthly joy in the perspectives with which I have been blessed, that I hardly can feel as if it were gain to die, but we will leave all this with God. God grant that you & I and our precious little flock may do His holy will. We are all very well. The Rev. Mr. Welles Baptist from Boston, one of the Secretaries of the Donut society is with us on a short visit, a very pleasant and intelligent gentleman. Mr Alwood comes & goes: we like him much. I had in mind when I began my letter to write you that I received two letters, one written the 30th Oct. & the other

Portland Jany 16 - 1863

Mrs O. O. Hawana

Dear Niece

I wrote you about the 20th of Decmr (I think). Enclosing certificate for two Shares of Bank Stock also a letter Enclosing the two dollars you gave me to Exchange - and a Bill from Lowell & Center for $10 - paid -

I have not heard whether you Recvd the letters - in looking over my Mom's Book Since - I think I made a Mistake in giving you the Amt due -

I Enclose a Memorandum of the Items of Account - please let me know if you recvd the letters &c. and if I shall send you the $25

we are all quite well - hope this will find you & Children the same - where is your Good Husband Stationed - is he well with Much Love - Your Truly E. Waite

Baltimore Feby 16 - 1863

Mr G. G. Thurston

Dear Sir

I was from school the
16th of January I think I enclosing certifi-
cate for the Amount of Bounty which
I gave a letter enclosing the same letter
you sent me to Chaplain Gill & Bill
from Fourth & Bentz for $10 - I took
it from Mr Isaac when the Receipt
Mr Gillen - in looking over my papers
I can't find it - I think I made a mistake
in giving you the Cert due -
I enclose a Memorandum of the
Time of Present - Please let me
know if you receive Mr Gillen $5 one $1.7
which I sent you the 4th Feb

We are all quite well - tell Mrs
will give you & Children the above - when is
your Next Muster & Drill - tell our
with Mark from - Your Truly & Friend

New York Jan 17/63

Dear Sir

"The critical state of our country induces me to risk being misinterpreted & to take leave to set before you the feelings & thoughts" of a simple citizen; who with you "yearns for the welfare of his country"

You who have (as I think from your letter to the Times fortunately for that country) attained a high military position if misinterpreted risk much, while I personally a stranger will suffer nothing if you chose this aside unnoticed; At any rate I intend anything but an improper familiarity, my heart beats responsively to every word you have written – my children are now close by your side as ready with their weapons to sustain you as is their father by his voice – He is chagrinned & mortified to confirm Sir what

field & camp – & like Randolph in the New Jersey Legislature – would that all such might be duly honored & respected. – again the late address of the Lancashire workingmen to the President is much more significant for good than at first sight appears – the Prep ought to make much more of it than they have done – I have been too tedious already. allow me but to say that if a majority of our Army agree with you in sentiment & avow it – the people will back you & the partisan leaders will be crushed & the Rebellion with them

With very great Respect & earnest prayers for your protection. I am
your Servt
Paul Babcock.

Brig. Gen. V. V. Howard
in the Field Va

you have heard it is indeed
true too true that "there is apathy
at home amongst a large class"
— "the disloyal are gaining them
over" some too may I fear
"rejoice at your failure" and
"thousands are crying peace peace
at all event" — and the "portent"
is chaos, dissolution, despotism,
the despotism of a Barbarized
foe over a pusillanimous many;
before that day comes I pray God
to give me strength & courage to
die like a man in defence of the
right & the truth — nothing can be
clearer I think than that God will
no longer permit a nation to use
its power to sustain slavery & do
so with impunity — The guilt
& stupitude of this is just equal
at the north & at the south
but the meanness & degradation
is much greater with ourselves.

I can conceive that a slaveholder
or his ignorant nonslaveholding
neighbour may reason himself
into the belief that he is justified
possibly he may not despise himself
But a northern proslavery
democrat. who opposes & frustrates
the government can not be in that
category — his lust for power can
not obscure all his faculties
he must feel the same contempt
for himself that all mankind
feel for him

Doubtless General there is much
to discourage much to dishearten
but you who are constantly exposed
to peril from battle & from the elements
& we who know not when we go to
bed whether anarchy & confusion may
not reach us in the morning
and yet there are not wanting
some hopeful signs. occasionally
a democratic leader lifts himself
above party like Butler in the

Camp Proctor
Graham's Brigade
1st Long Island Regt.
Washington D.C.
Jan 17th 1862

Brig. Genl O. O. Howard.

Dr Sir,

I have taken the liberty of addressing you to request you if possible to aid me in an application that I wish to make to the War Department.

You know that during my stay at the Academy, even in my best days, that I was very careless in regard to my demerit; the natural consequence was that in the last six months of my stay I overrun my number and though I made efforts to have them removed, and I thought at one time with some chance of success, I was finally obliged, as the better of two evils, to resign which I did in the middle of June.

Through a letter of introduction from young Adams and the fact that I was from West Point-

I received immediately on my arrival in New York the appointment to the position which I now hold.

Seeing that so many appointments are daily being made in the regular service I have at last determined to apply for a transfer from mine into some regiment of "regulars"

I base my application on the following grounds; that I have been at the Academy for three years and what with the education I received there and the experience I've had for the last six months in my regiment, which for the greater part of the time has been here, I think myself as fully competent for the position I seek as many who have been appointed lately from civil life without any previous military knowledge or experience.

I am afraid however that the reason for which I left the Academy may interfere with my appointment but I think 'tis better to try and fail not to try at all

I have only one political friend and as yet I've not been able to see him in regard to this matter, therefore I rely principally upon the assistance I may receive from my few military friends.

Hence I have addressed you, as well as Genl McCook (my old Company Captain at the Point) in regard to my application

I think if I could receive favorable answers from both of you that I should be fully justified in writing to the Secretary of War and that your recommendations of me would have weight with the Dept. in granting my request.

I was under many very many obligations to you and Mrs. Howard for the friendly interest you took in my welfare and your continued kindness to me there will be ever held in kindly remembrance by me.

Present my regards to Mrs. Howard if you please when you next write her.

With the hope that I may soon receive a favorable answer

I remain, dear Sir,
Yours very respectfully
Edmund R. Russell
Lieut. Co. K"

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade
2nd Div. Near Falmouth Va.
January 20th 1863

Dearest.

I wrote so much early this morning and was then interrupted; and have been kept busy. We have just received an order to move tomorrow morning which will probably not be far from this place. I believe the army is already in motion & I think it will be likely to turn on us as a pivot; though I have received no intimation yet as to the plan of campaign. God grant us success if it be his Divine will. I hope the time has now come when he will so bless our arms.

Uncle Hicks came last night. He looked well, but a little sober. He has gone to work to supply us.

I will try to keep him contented so with all of us. Capt. Hayes & Master Winston has come for one of my brigades. I feel very hopeful now about everything. I should not go to Phila. at present. I want to see you and hope to. The blessing of God to be with you in sorrow, midst or all. How much love to bury. Tell Willie he could not help loving the Saviour if he only knew him well enough. How much love to my little daughter. She must be a real lady and Jamie papa wants to be home much on his account so as to know him better. Sweet faced black eyed little boy as he is. We had a nice day here sunday. A good prayer meeting in my tent of the evening. Mr Alwood was here. He has given me the pictures of his wife and daughter to send you. So has Mr Capt. W. sent you theirs. Have you Photo. Albums. Himself & wife. I want just such a Photo gallery of you as Mrs Whittlesey. I did it a good one. I send you my pay for my horses just obtained. $33 y. 38. Do what you think best with it you will want to pay your current expenses out of it. For I have not drawn my pay for December & Jan'y. I must now stop. I am in the hands of God. I trust you are quietly resting in him.

Mary Hezekiah gives a rich abundance of his love.

Lovingly your husband

Chas

Portland Jany 23d 1863

Mrs O O Howard

Dear Niece

I recd your letter of 21st by which I learn that you have sickness in your Family hope that Grace has got better of the Measels - and that you are all comfortable - we see by the papers that the Army of the Poto=mac - has not moved forward by last accounts - I think it now doubtfull whether they move immediately in the direction first contemplated as the Enemy have had time to prepare I trust the Lord will over Rule for the best - I now Enclose $25 dollars which is the Amt due

with Love to all -

From your Affectionate Uncle

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your letter of the 13th came last night. When did you get such little paper? I am very happy to hear from you so often. Did Guy fall when skating & get that bump?" I agree. "Much well" Think he would know further! There is no hard feeling for you here, my darling: for you to meet me in Phila. perhaps you meant. But your objection to my getting an earlier hour rather put it out of my mind. I think the car might be of considerable service but can't say how much. Give kind regards to Mrs Stinson. Hope is well. We have a Corps review today so I must stop. I got a letter from Lou. Lebourveau last night. Hope he is well. Hoddles thanks you all. Lovingly,

Otie

Mrs. Amy Lyman
Lyman Hall
Mt. Vernon
Ohio

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Head Quarters 3rd Div. 2nd Corps
January 24 1863

Dearest.

Our movement was retard by a kind Providence for his own wise purposes. I think I can see good reasons why we were not allowed to cross the river. Army officers have to a great extent talked against him. Burnside and the men have caught the spirit of it till there is an almost universal pulling back: no earnestness, no enthusiasm. And I fear that had we crossed the river with this spirit we should have been again defeated. I am thinking much about the children here with the measles. I am afraid she will have a hard time before she gets through with them. When Lizzy with her sore throat I never knew. I hope you will not have to over-work. It may be that the widely circulated rumors of a move reached you and that you have had to suffer with anxiety on that account. I asked a gentleman Mr Richardson, Tribune reporter who makes his home with us, to telegraph you from Washington (whither he is going today) if the news of the abandonment of the design of an immediate forward movement. I am inspecting my Division, their books, papers &c. now. Last night I wanted to write you, but I was so completely stupid

and tired that I gave it up till this morning. I think I got a little cold, have a little canker in my mouth and probably internally affected by it. But this morning I am nicely. The terrible storm has now given way and pleasant weather again smiles upon us. Applications for furloughs & leaves of absence come in - persons in abundance. It would be very pleasant to be home now but I think I shall put off trying to get away unless some important change takes place. I am in hopes this army will be broken up & distributed to the other armies in the field. There is too much, creating too much self-seeking. We are too near Washington. I do hope the children are better. Mr Hicks has gone to Washington to get supplies. He will be back today. He will be much liked I think, though I fear it may not be very profitable for him. We give him 5 dollars per week & board for servants. Give much love to Mary. Tell him he is fortunate to be safe at home, also Grace. Pa can find his masters in the cars in great part. And again I suspect he will have his turn at them. Mr Stinson is well, but his poor horse is not. Much love and regard to all friends.

Write write you know at length soon

Good bye you all Affectionately

Your husband

Otis

Hd Qrs 2nd Division &c.
Near Falmouth Va
Jan. 25 1863

My dear mother

I will write a few words before going to bed. It has been a worse pleasant day like May - somewhat muddy from the recent storm which lasted just long enough to put a stop to the plan of attack upon the enemy. If you see my letter in the Press & mother to Rockland you will know about the plan and its failure.

Today has been a holiday to a part of the Division - With one Brigade we held devices this forenoon - Heard a portion of a sermon by a Methodist Clergyman from the West who is staying with his son. He asked the General "to make some remarks and Otis gave them an earnest & impressive talk -

Tonight we have had a good Prayer-meeting Revs Mr. Means of Boston son of Dea. Means of Augusta is here with them & Dea - helped much and very interestingly in the meeting - Mr. Hicks got back

from Worcester tonight — he was much disappointed that he did not get here early enough for the meeting. I will tell you of his perplexities on the route when I receive my letter — I must soon be in my bed as the Capt. has "turned in" & he cannot get to sleep well with the candle burning — Two ladies used to see meeting — We had a long sing afterwards in my tent but the ladies did not stay for this.

The idea that became most strongly impressed upon me tonight is the good amount of prayer that is going up for the Army & the results we are to expect therefrom in the awakening & conversion of souls. Good night dear Mother — Hope you are in as good health as both your sons. I was weighed today — found that I reach the remarkable (for me) figure of 162 1/2 lbs.

I have been in Otis' tent to family prayers with Mr. Hicks & Capt Bolduck. The letter is going hence to N. H. tomorrow on a Leave of twenty days.

Monday — 2 P. M.

I have been riding all the morning

Rev.

with Mr. Means & Dea. Robes who came on with him from Roxbury. We went along the river where we could see the Rebel Pickets along the other bank. They were digging in some places as though making Battery Redoubts. I pointed out the place of crossing – the scene of letting Fredericksburg &c. All the points of interest – the distant battle field – We went to Mr. Lacey's House – Saw there Mrs. Harris who was here last w. She is cooking & caring for the sick. That is opposite the city and we heard a Rebel band discoursing sweet music in a most jubilant manner – The first Rebel music I have heard since in front of Yorktown.

Mrs Harris told me first the news of Burnside's removal with Sumner & Franklin – Soon after I rode to Gen. Sumner's & found Otis there. I feel very sad. Hooker is not a pure man I fear – He is intemperate & profane – I know not what will become of us – Pick we

might go West with Sumner; if he is
go West to St. Louis as is the rumor —
I rode with the gentlemen to the
2nd Div. 9th Corps to visit the 35th Ma
which had a company from Roxbury
thence home.
Mr. Hicks got his supplies fro
the depot this morning — He had
come down to Aquia Creek on Sat & d
gone back again on finding that the
officers of the boat had left a part
of his things — When he got down there
yesterday he could not get his things
upon the train until coming to it a
his arrival late & after the wagon wh
went for him had returned, so he
had to walk off in the darkness mu
I believe he is well as usual now
He is very cheerful & it does us goo
to see his good natured face abou
He said 4 months ago, had he had
the same perplexities & ungentlemanly tre
ment of R. R. & boat employers, there
would have been some "Tall" swearing
It was a new way of spending the Sab
to him. Gen. Howard now commands
the Corps & Gen. Couch the Second Div

but there is a prospect of the Grand Divisions being abolished as Gen. Hooker is said not to believe in them. We saw on paper yesterday that Gen. Howard is appointed a Maj. Gen. to date from 29th of Nov. If the Grand Div. arrangements had been continued Mrs. Howard would have had a Corps permanently & his staff would have been promoted.

But all will work out right & for the best to those that love God. There was a want of bottom ness in the support of Burnside & perhaps his removal has saved him from a more disastrous & disgraceful defeat by the Rebels on this account.

You know it is a principle with you ever to be hopeful & stout hearted in the darkest times - because there is so much need of such a spirit when all around are cast down. Lord give us strength to stand up firmly & press forward boldly in the face of duty!

Mr. Alcott is having today a

meeting of Chaplains of this Corps. They are in his tent just behind mine & I just heard the grand harmony of their weird music voices in a good old tune & hymn-

Col. Sewall came back in better health - Had seen Sizzie, called on her in Augusta, He now commands the Brigade as the ranking Colonel. Gen. Sully is away on Leave for 20 days & several other Colonels are absent.

I came near going down to the 1st Brigade as Assist. Adjutant Genl yesterday for Col. Sewall but he got some in at last & I am very glad now as we may possibly go to the Corps.

I hope the people are not coming or falling off in any respect in their images for this army & for our Country. It is time we all began to call upon the Lord & it is strange the whole nation cannot see it in this light.

Your Affectionate Son

O. O. Howard

Annihilate
Cere

Gen. O. O. Howard, of the Second Division of the
Second Army Corps, Va.

Dear Sir,

Having just read in the "Boston Semi-Weekly Journal" of this morning, words in which you address the editor of the New York Times, I venture to indulge a desire I have felt for some time to ask of you a line or two of information upon a less public topic. First, however, allow me to thank you with all my heart for the monitory and brave and patriotic accents of the address above adverted to. We need such notes sounded among us here at the Eastward, and when they come to us from the tried, good and brave Generals of our army, they surely must be hearkened to and will do us good.

The information I would ask, dear Sir, is simply a matter of genealogy. You are, if I am right in my supposition, a descendant of an Old West Bridgewater Stock, — of the fifth or sixth generation from John Howard an original Proprietor and First Settler of ancient Bridgewater, Mass.,

and, if I rightly conjecture, you derive descent from him through the late Lieut. Jesse Howard of West Bridgewater, and through his son the late Capt. Seth Howard of Leeds, Maine.

If I am not asking too much, and your more important cares and labors will allow you to favor me with information, at least so much as to name to me your father and grandfather on the paternal side, you will greatly oblige me thereby.

I have endeavored to keep some record of the descendants of John Howard above named, rather additional to that given by the late Judge Mitchell in his "History of the Early Settlement of Bridgewater," and am therefore the more solicitous for the information. In my possession is a printed copy of a letter written to the above named John Howard and his brother George after they came to New England, by their mother, dated: London, August 16th, 1652. Should you desire it, I will with pleasure give you an accurate transcript of the letter.

I am of the fifth generation from said John Howard, and a grandson of the late Capt. Ebenezer Howard of (West) Bridgewater, who deceased in 1827 in the 88th year of his age, was town clerk of (ancient) Bridgewater from 1779 to 1822 when the town was divided or 43 years, and whose wife was Mary H. a sister of the late Lieut Jesse Howard above named. My father, Capt. Amasa Howard, deceased in 1797, when I was two years old. He was in the American Revolutionary Army and stationed in New York a while, then was an orderly sergeant, I think. Lieut. Jesse Howard was, on the side of my mother, my great uncle.

I have made mention of the foregoing things, only because they may serve to show why I may feel interest in the information asked of you, dear Sir. If you indulge me with it, please direct to Rev. A. Howard, Joppa Village, Mass.

I am with great respect,
your Obdt Servt
Adonis Howard

Joppa Village, East Bridgewater,
Mass. Jan. 27th, 1863.

Above and beside the noble consolation of serving well and faithfully our beloved country, may our Heavenly Father compensate you, for the loss of your right arm, with a heavenly, supernal reward.

I should like much to have your signature in full, and more especially, if instead of employing an amanuensis, you manage to write with your left hand.

Head Quarters 2nd Corps
Near Falmouth Va. Jan. 27 1863

Friend,

I am today at Corps Head Quarters. The behavior of which you will be apprized before you get this has brought me for the present in command of the Corps. Gens Burnside, Sumner and Franklin have gone and Gen. Hooker has the command. Hooker is not believed to be so good a man morally as either of the others but if he is purposing to use him as his fit instrument. We will work on & wait for his will. It is thought that Grand Divisions will be broken up and that Corps will remain as they were under McClellan. I think I shall be satisfied either way. It is not desirable to increase ones command, because ones responsibility is increased therewith. Enough is enough. Gen Couch said his wife wished him a General, when he was Col, a Maj. Gen. when he commanded a Brigade and after he got a Div'n. She thought he ought to have a Corps and now she wants him to have a Grand Division. He has just got that & writes her to stop wishing. I believe your ambition was satisfied when I was 1st Lt.

of Ordnance & Asst. Professor of Mathematics. But I think if I could now be honorably promoted to civil life according to your last letter which I got Sunday night you would feel quite satisfied, wouldn't you? Perhaps you have a small spark of patriotism, and wish be willing for me to stay for the good of my country. I do feel almost ashamed at my own littleness, but I hope for the sake of my own comfort and I am held in higher esteem by others than I hold myself. How are my precious little children today. Guy, I hope he is better. Lord Grant says he wanted to come out with him. Yet Guy, it is hard enough to send Uncle Charlie off towards under fire. ~~and why~~ It would be a little too tough to risk Guy too. Perhaps that would be a little too much for Mamma's patriotism to stand. How is Lucie & the Measles? Did she have a red flag as Guy & I did? Has Jamie surely got them? I suppose he couldn't be kept out of any particular room. Uncle Hiles got back from Washington after much difficulty. ~~Quartermaster & Officials treated~~ him exceedingly but he says he didn't accomplish as he thought he would do 16 months ago. He did not sell out. I have drawn my pay & enclose you a hundred dollars. Give much love to all ~~the~~ darling Clark and Lettie.

Your loving husband

Otis

Augusta Jan 29/63

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir,

I send herewith a triweekly age edited as a knave by D T Pike that you may see for yourself the course he is pursuing in relation to the rebellion, he and most of the leading democrats in this vicinity are more in favor of the rebels than the government, Daniel Williams Allen Lankford L W Lithgow G W Stanley Benj Davis, N R Smith Thos Lankford, and many others are as bitter as they can be and will all rejoice to read Pike's comments on your

when he can do any harm, It is hard that our soldiers are deprived of their votes, they ought to be allowed to vote by proxy. I fear that the traitors may get control of the northern states in consequence of the absence of our voters it is the most we have to fear now, and the hope that they may succeed is the greatest comfort the rebels in arms now have. they say that if they can prevent the rebellion from being crushed, till this congress adjourns, they can force the President to call an extra session and thus they will stop the war, but I am one that believes we never can have peace until slavery is abolished, in fact it is

of the Evening Post officer could not kick him out of the place he occupied

guess he will be glad I think I shall be able to spare us. I wish you success in your new command

communication to the
people, but you may rest
assured that all loyal
people agree with you
and that you will be
sustained, it is the common
remark of all loyal men
that Gen Howard is honest,
true and brave, and if
all our officers were like
him, we should do much
better than we do, Poles
son as you are aware lost
a leg in battle, he came
home, and the people gave
quite a sum of money to help
him, and I believe he
has been since commissioned
as a Lieut, and it is well
known to all of his acquaint
ances that he is wholly
unfit for any office whatever
and I have no doubt but
that his sentiments and his
fathers agree, it is such
appointments that hurts
us more than any thing
else, we have lots of traitors
holding commissions, It
was been frequently reported
here that Seth Williams
son of Daniel Williams one
of the traitors herein named
has written home frequently
that he has no heart in
this war, he was on
Gen McClellans staff
and is yet in the army
I suppose, but wherever he
is, if he has written home
as reported, he needs washing
in fact he ought to out

Headquarters 2nd Corps
Jan 30. 1863

Dear Mrs.

I received your letter referring to Capt W's photographs & the check for Horace, night before last. I am glad the children are able to go to church. Horace gets better very quickly. She looked at them & said so much a little & think on Guy & Jessie. And I am glad Jamie seems so fast the measles cannot catch him. I am still commanding the Corps without being even informed whether I am to continue this sort of business or not. I went to Headquarters to call upon Gen. Hooker yesterday. Met a very warm reception. Gen Hooker has always been very friendly to me. More

My wife photo badly this morning. I see Grey "breath just is smoky". Uncle Hicks has been in. He looks in almost two weeks. It does me good to see his honest face about. Give much love to the children. I am anxious to hear from them & you often. When they get all well I may ask you to take a trip to Phila. If the journey will not be too much for you. Let my new clothes be sent to Washington with respect to be forwarded by express - pay expressage & let me know date of leaving. Harry Stinson is well. Capt W. says you must fail to send your photograph now. My kind regards to all my friends. I wish you all a happy New Year & hope to see you soon.

Yours Affectionately
Otis

probably have an interest to know how he looks I telling he will do. I think you have his photograph. He is a handsome manly looking man, quite approach in his manners. self-confident. strong in his expressions of loyalty and determined with reference to home traitors. not even luke warmness is to be tolerated here. Saturday morning. June 31. I expected to pass the year letter yesterday morning but twenty past came a little too soon. This morning I am up with the light. I am living at Mrs old Sunders. Lekes is now acting assistant adjutant General for the old Corps Hand Sunders is working pretty hard poor kind, but he likes it. I got my promotion to Maj General day before yesterday and now I want some clothes. Please go to Chisman & Cobb's and tell them to make me a dress coat out of just such cloth as the last. The size around the waist wants to be one inch larger. across the breast about 2 inches larger. The body is just right according to the old measure. I want also a good set of Major's shoulder straps. not too large but neat. Let them make me a pair of pants of stout dark blue cloth. The Tailors are apt to put on the buttons thus, but I want the coat to bulge out a little across the breast thus. They must consult the Regulations. The distance apart of the two rows of buttons at top 5 1/2 in at bottom 3 1/2. I have now a hundred dollars (100)