Paines Ferry

[c1864]

9-30 A.M.

Wood's skirmishers have passed & driven away any opposition that may have been in this front. The train is down at the river & the boats are being put together. Genl Thomas says his troops are already to cross & will do so before 12 M.

He has been waiting for Howard to push down expecting he would do it by 7 A.M. Hence, the delay. I will cross here & join you on the other side. Everything

is quiet. The little skirmishing that Woods troops aroused having subsided.

Respectfully
Cosby

Woods advance must be at Nancy Creek by this time no firing after the R.R. bridge

[1864.]

HO Km L. Ms Corps
Calhoun Ga.

Dearest –

Myself and staff are still well but very tired. We have been fighting & working for the emancipation cause. Johnson is now in full retreat and we have pursued him far and are going on.

Tell Father you and the children

Lovingly

Otis

[Jan. 1864?]

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Hd. qrs. 11th Corps
Lookout Valley - Jan
— Evening

My dear brother

Your letter written at Na
reached me today - four days old - I got one f
Rowland also today announcing the sad ev
ence of Marian's death. You were too lat
to see her. I hope you were not too late
the funeral - You will at least be a comf
to William. I will send on a letter f
Gen. McClellan - Mr. Kilbreth tried to
me to post with it - bidding as high as
dollars - for the sake of having an autograp
letter from Gen. McClellan.

I just want into your tent & saw Gen
Schurz, Col. Meysenburg & Major Hoffman -
each and all desired me to send you the
kindest regards. Gen. Schurz says he made
plea "for the persecution" of the Court today
all pass on satisfactorily. Col M. wished me
inform you that Gen. Butterfield was giving
instructions directly to the Brigades now
ated on the R.R. He thinks they at Gen.
ers Hdqrs. are somewhat disposed to ov

We have had another mild and beautiful
— really warm like summer in the
middle of the day. Capt. Thomas & I spend
a large portion of the day on Raccoon Mt.
We have riding constantly every day for
a month since you left. Day before yesterday we
went up on Lookout with Capt. Cross & got
a picture taken — embracing quite an extension
of the rock — the very point of Lookout
& your personal staff proper in a group.
I am improving in health every day —
Col. Hayes & Lt. Colonel Smith go to Nashville
tomorrow — The latter was surprised to have
leave of 10 days granted him instead of
order to go to Murfreesboro to settle ordnance
matters as he desired. He fears he will lose
some pay by the means. They start at 5 in
the morning & I send this by them. Lt. G.
will go to Genl. Wood & take some inspection
Blanks for "Monthly Report" which Maj.
Lawrence wishes me to get from the new
office — I have (about a week or two since) sent all the requisite
instructions & orders — direct to Genl. Wood with

a letter requesting him to hand over i
Inspector. I believe one of his Brigade
over old Irish is to be relocated at
post - This will separate his Divn -

There seems to be no prospect of o
Corps going to Nashville - In fact I f
learn that that Divn of Conger's wh
we relieved is only going beyond Bluff
toward the R.R. to Cleveland & obe
Col. Mezenbury wished me to mention
you that Lt. Col. Faulkner had forward
that application direct to Genl Pope
& the latter had referred it back. but
returned it with endorsement that a repe-
tition of the procedure would put him in
arrest - but I hardly need bother you with
these petty wrangling. - I fear you will have
puzzling times in reading this - My hand
unusually unsteady - perhaps in great measure
weariness. Scouts in this evening bring no
of importance - They mention a rumor of deser
that Johnson's army is under marching orders
the story needs confirmation. I am looking f
with delightful anticipations of my trip ho
I do hope I will meet mother & Willie.

ed
not meet them I should be thought
fitted to go East as far as N. J. see
ir and other friends – I long to see some of
old tried friends – perhaps more since you
n been away. – I like the Inspector's duties
ch better than I ever expected I would. They
e pleases me much – He is invaluable – I wish
ment procure him a Commission in his Dept.
his rate – In looking over & selecting the Ca-
s from my Office for Gen. Ward I find
m very poorly constructed at best as far as
English language is concerned – and in fact
is a general want of clearness & conciseness.
I will send you a letter from Publisher
Bramhall which did come today. A good long
ter from Lizzie I need not send it. I wonder
she will pardon me for opening & enjoying it
by myself. Hope the little ones are recovered
Kennebec Journal from her also come – but the
er still comes regularly from the Publisher.
I sent you a Nashville Press having an article
East Tennessee – rather even an Sermon &
complimentary appreciation of you.
Your Affectionate brother
O. O. Howard

appointed.) — My Father — Mr Sargent — was the son of a distinguished officer of the Revolution — Col. Winthrop Sargent — (first Governor of the Mississippi Territory by the appointment of Genl Washington.) & it is hard that the son of an old soldier should have been murdered (for avowed purposes of plunder) by the troops of the U.S. — & that three of the murderers should have made their escape. —

Feeling assured, Dear Genl, that you will yet have your orders carried out & obeyed — I remain with profound respect — Your

His very truly
Mary Duncan.

A line in acknowledgment would greatly oblige me. & my address is "care of Messrs Duncan & Sherman (Bankers.)
New York City.

Major Genl. C. C. Howard.
Dept of the Tenn.

Dear Genl.

By a communication from the War Dept dated December 12 - 64 — I was notified of your approval (in General Orders No. 38) of the sentence of my Father's murderers. Inasmuch as you confirmed the decision of the Court, & gave orders that said assassins should be shot to death on 1st day of January 1865. at Natchez - Miss. — Now it would seem that there has been some delay in the arrival of your order at Natchez. For I left said town on 24th December, & up to that date the order referred to had not been received at Headquarters. & it seems very certain that the execution

has not taken place. Understanding
that it will be necessary for a
new order to be issued by you —
I am induced to thus present
myself & claims to your notice —
pleading for justice to the
memory of an old & honored
Father — who was murdered under
his own roof near Natchez — in
the most barbarous & cold blooded
manner by a gang of five
Federal soldiers — (the "Corporal" of
the regiment of 28th Illinois — being
included in the gang —) despite
the "protection papers" of Gen. Grant.
Two of the murderers escaped
took after the ghastly deed. but —
the other three were tried, found
guilty, & condemned to death. —
It is now more than 8 months
since my darling Father met
his fate. & more that 6 months
have elapsed since the aforesaid
were sentenced, — & yet — nothing
has been done to carry the
punishment! & one of the
condemned did was allowed
to come home by the commander of
the "District" on the pretext "of
business." He left the District
without any leave — & has been
seen by the Officers of the Post
at Natchez — & yet he is still
at large. Thus the ends of
justice are defeated — & the
murderers are still
free. — It is known that all
the witnesses against the
murderers are dead — & the
only witness is the Commander
of the District — & yet
there appears no effort
to secure the ends of
justice. — Application has been
made to the Secretary of
War — & to the President
but no action has been taken
on the matter. I am
informed that the Secretary
of War has referred the
matter back to the
District Commander —
& yet he is the very
person who has
shown a willingness to
screen the murderers
from justice. — I have
written to the President
& to the Secretary of
War — & have stated
the facts — & have
asked that the
matter be referred
to some other
officer than the
District Commander
for investigation
& action. —

Augusta Jan 3rd 1864.

My dear Mrs. Howard

I have been hoping for a long time to receive a letter from you: but as none has come I will not wait any longer but send one to you thinking that you may like to hear from us all, and very sure that we want to, from you. Before I say another word, let me say how delighted we all are at the splendid termination of Sherman's campaign in the taking of Savannah. How much I would like to see you and talk it all over. How proud (if one of your meekness can have such feelings) you must be of your husband and how thankful that he was

he was unable to be with the Gen. this winter. I cannot tell you how quietly and patiently he bears it all. I often think of the words. "They also serve who only stand and wait". I do not think the climate here very good for him. I hope he will be able to go where it is milder before our trying Spring weather comes on.

Can you realize that our old depot is no more? I trust that the crowd which daily gathered there, is so entirely broken up that when we have a new one we shall never have like trouble again. The damsels do not care to wait an hour or more on the plat-form. Wallie has just come from school and wants me to send his love to Gracie and tell her all his warts are gone: he has not one left. Since school he has been over to Dr. Snell's and had a large double tooth out: he says he did not scream or

Caddy says. Give a great deal of love to Mrs. Howard for me and that I want see our stars - How do all the children do: I must not forget that Walter sends a kiss to Gracie - George says tell Guy that the "Scouts are still in being". Will you not write me very soon and tell me all about yourself and family: I believe your friends here are all well. Mrs. Orville's little Lottie was very dangerously sick with diphtheria: so much so that they thought she could not live and telegraphed for her father. but she is nearly well now. With much love to all the family and also Mrs. Gilmore I am very affectionately your friend

E. J. Stone

carried through unharmed. Have you heard often from him and do you expect him home? If so you know, if you come to Augusta we shall most certainly hope to have you stay with us. I cannot tell you how much I miss you. I have never been past your house but once and then it looked so lonely and shut up, that I wished I had not done so. What are you doing this Winter? The Sabbath School had tree in the chapel last Christmas the same as they have ~~this~~ last year: they were very pretty the only trouble being the lack of room. We have had a furnace put into the cellar which is a great improvement on the old stove. ~~Last~~ The next day some of the young ladies took the tree and adorned the chapel so that it looks quite pretty and Christmas like. Last Sunday Mr. McKenzie gave us a most beautiful Christmas sermon

Last Sunday Marion McLeathus and a young Mr. Webster, a soldier united with the church: it was very interesting indeed. Our pastor is to be married the 25th of this month: they are to board at the Stanley House. I think they do not come directly here but go on a journey. Mr. Blaine who has been home for the holidays left for Washington yesterday. Mrs. B. does not go this Winter owing to her situation. I trust she will do well, and if so I think she may be better than she has been for a long time. You will want to know how Harry is. He said the other day if it was possible for any one to stand still it seemed as if he had done so. but I do not think so exactly, as he has entirely recovered from his night sweats. I cannot but think, that is a great gain. his cough is about the same. I think he has felt it very much that

little folks that I ever saw = It is full of pict the pictures they like. I wish I had seen it before I sent "Ja" his book = Remember me to Isabella = I am glad you can have with you this winter. Sarah is talking of visiting Hallowell about the Middle of this month & will come and see you, if agreeable = Frank is to go with her = Charles wrote the 21st that they were back in Lookout Valley all well = He sent me a copy of Gen Sherman's letter to Otis = It was very complimentary = We think Hattie grows weaker & fear she will never recover. I exchanged with Mr Fiske a week ago last Sunday = Yesterday we had a pleasant, thoi cold

Communion Sab. week after next

Washington Jan. 4. 1864

Dear Sis

Well my sweet sister I have not had time till now to wish you even a happy New Year. but better late than never" I suppose. Our New Year's day passed very quietly & pleasantly at home till Evening when we attended a Sociable Party at Father Rogers & had a pleasant time. As we (Ella & I) were walking by the P. O. we went in to see if there was mail for us = Among our letters was one post marked Augusta & directed in a strange hand = It contained no correspondence except "the compliment of the Season" but enclosed two Green-backs, the sum represented was 40 $. and it filled us with surprise and gratitude

to the unknown donor or donors - and to our good Heavenly Father who moved their hearts to remember us so kindly & generously, when living is so high. ~~two~~ Somebody has said. "no one can afford to live long" Give my love to all my little nephews & my niece - I hope their books suited them - Ella sends her love to you & the children and you must give it also to cousins Warren & Sarah if they are with you - Dadie plays all the time & talks a great deal - Tell Jamie he has had presents of an Elephant! a knit Soldier - a little carved dog & trooper - an Jeep Waggon & horse - a sled & a sleigh! & a no: of pretty picture books - I wish his little cousins would come and play with him, before he destroys all his playthings - We have a picture of him taken last month and I will send you one of them when the next lot comes - We have left a vacant place in our Album beside Otis for you; I hope you will get a good photograph & have the children taken too - It seems too bad we can't have our ~~good looking~~ relatives as well as the rest - Tell Warren I don't mean that he is not good looking! We shall miss good Dr. Tappan very much. He used to visit us quite often & usually brought news from you - Aunt Lalucia Abbott gave Dadie a book of her brother Jacob's called "Learning to talk" which is the best thing to read to such

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Jan. 4th 1864

Dearest. – I haven't written you since N. Year's day. Tonight I have written a letter to Gracie in answer to hers that came with one of yours enclosed. I have this moment received another letter from you a week earlier dated Dec 14th. – It is the one that speaks of Jamie's croup – Dr in the night – Gracie coughing – your Mrs Woodman cooking by them – Isabella sore throat – the next letter I got first. You say you had just heard from me, probably at Cottons – Jane. but now we have been a long time back. I am truly sorry to hear of the death of Dr Jeffries – so young, so noble, so fine &

veteran volunteers. In a short time my command will be very small; but I hope they will be back in the spring well filled up, i.e. if Jefferson Davis succeeds in his Demon-like enterprise of destroying the government. I have just completed my report and feel a little freer, something as you do when all the sewing is done, though you feel quite certain another batch will come on before a week –

I have a pretty big pile of papers to look after daily but if I let every day do its duty, that is easy. Reports are certain. How do you want a new house do you this Spring? I hope you are able to keep warm. Have you a good stock of wood? With much love to all and many kisses for Jiggs & Fanny I am your loving husband but below Thanks to you –

Otis –

I send the picture for Charley not to carry in your mouth –

Charley Ellen Woodman will return to Spring Hill & Hushing as soon – Otis

so triumphant in age. Have been thinking about him. about his attention to me coming to see me and his conversation. Well done thou good & faithful servant. He has entered into the joy of his Lord. May my last days be as peaceful and as fruitful as his. I have those sterling old fellows of truth. made of rock. Would God one young man promised to be like them. His family with only reason for their own loss. for to him <u>to live</u> was Christ. to <u>die</u> was gain. Did you hear that I was killed in the last battle. Such a story got circulated. Gen. Smith (10th) in the class before me at West Point heard of it at Nashville and one of my captains who was there ~~said~~ said he cried very bitterly. Smith, Gill & I went to attend Professor Upton's Bible class together. Gen. Gill is dead. killed at Farmville & Hinks. Martin would have written you ~~longer but~~ as I wrote, he concluded to write Rowland and you at another time. I hope you are all well now & that you have a card to suit you. I wanted to send you some money in this letter but haven't got my acct. cashed yet. I am afraid you may be getting short. Our regiments are mustering out veteran enlisting as

Headquarters [illegible] Corps,

January 4th 1864

My dear little Daughter

How am I so good to write that I will reply at once. You say "It is not a very long letter, papa, but I hope you will read it" Papa would not love his little children much if he neglected to read their letters. I did read it and read it and feel surprised and pleased that a little girl six years old can write so good a letter I noticed only two words spelt wrong. One is mamma, spelling it with one m in the middle instead of two, and the other is going without the last g.

Dr. Jamie has turned Doctor and gives pills on the homeopathic system! Well that is a good profession. I am glad Chauncey's eyes are well again. Give Mamma, Mary, Jamie & the baby a great deal of love from me. My kindest regards to Isabella. I am glad she is with you. Where is Mr Woodman coming back? We have had some weather as cold as in Maine my water in the basin froze an inch close to the fire. Now it has grown warmer & is raining. Does Lucie love the Saviour, who always loves her so much better than papa or mamma? From your loving papa

O.O. Howard

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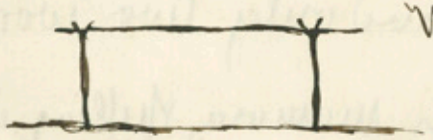
I see now that the word street has lost one of its ts. This is I think far better than that Pappa used to do when a little boy he wrote to his Grandmother.

I dont know how tents are made. I know they are put up: the little shelter tents have two pieces. one piece for each man. Sometimes the men put two together & sometimes more. It is done thus:

A stick is put up on two crotchets, thus:



The tent completed is pitched thus:

An "A" tent is in this shape

A world tent is like a house in shape. thus:

Uncle Charlie is in my tent now. It is quite cold. We have some cold and John has quite a bad cold. John was very thankful for the pen-knife, his christmas present and wondered if Gracie thought of it herself. Give my love to Amy. Tell him if he stands up perfectly straight and takes good honest draughts of air, that coughs & colds will not last long.

P. M. Craigmiles
Jan 4. 64

Not Answered
Letter Forwd
to Tennessee

Answered

Cleveland Jan 4th/64

Genl O. O. Howard:

My dear Sir

I hope you will pardon me for troubling you with a matter which does not properly come under line of your Official duty, but, believing you will interest your self in my behalf, when it is manifest, I make no unreasonable request, I feel free to address you—

When you was at my house on your return from Nspper E. Tenn, I spoke to you concerning some Receipts which had been placed in my hands (all informal) also memorandums for Hay taken from my farm near Charleston and also near this place, all of which you ordered your division Quartermaster (Capt Tracy I believe) to give me Vouchers for the Receipt for (95) ninety five Bushels of Corn & five hundred pounds of Hay — was given by (Capt Moreland I believe) —

of Genl Evings division – the memoran for Hay, for which Capt. Lacy & myself agreed upon the value which was Fifty dollars – was all handed to him, (Capt Lacy) for which I expected him to return a Voucher – but since then I have not seen Capt Lacy nor the Voucher, & hence I am minus the whole, –

I hope you will order Vouchers given for the foregoing, and forward the same to Chattanooga to Hon. U.S. Grant who will send it to me, –

I will mention that the Vouchers given me for 1027 lbs Bacon by Lt Sherwood & approved by you, was not paid when presented to Col. Porter in Chattanooga, because of informality, and I respectfully ask you to send me a proper Voucher for that also.

The amt is $102.70/100 for the Bacon, We have had several raids in our town since you passed thru here, but none of a serious character, all quiet here now

Yours Very Truly,
P. W. Craigmiles

Summary of acts,

95 Bu Corn		$ 95.00
50 cwt Hay		50.00
500 " "		500.00
		$ 645.00
1027 lbs Bacon	10¢	102.70

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Jun 6 1864

Dear - I will just write you a line on business. I enclose six hundred and seventy dollars ($670) Please acknowledge the receipt - Tell the people of Augusta if they want to keep you from migrating to the West, they must make you a present of a house and a very nice one. I hardly know how to advise you about investing any surplus you may have. The 5-20s are good - I would as lief as not own a good house in Augusta -

It would be well merely as property - To have a good brick house with ample grounds - i.e. if it could be purchased at a low price. You must think it over & let me know what you think. I have not much choice as to the side of the river - schools are on both sides - The church & stores are on this -

Much love to all & how bless you - We are now quite well - The children much have been delighted with their presents -

Lovingly
Otis

little children to bring up - I am the other hand did I not see how exceedingly active & capable she is and believe she would be to you a faithful & honest servant - bring much comfort & many blessings to bury. Lucie, James & Chaney I think about them & have them in my heart all the time. You must tell me much about Guy - he is growing older and the character of his mind is forming - Papa wants him to be manly and truthful and what he learns let it be learned - No matter at all if it isn't much - this for. for better to perfect in little than to be imperfect in much - It is getting late - remember me to Frankie - to Bert & Mrs Woodman if with you - God bless & keep you darling

Lovingly — Otis

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Southwest Valley Jan. 8 1864

Darling - What I suppose to you lately on a visit has now assumed a permanent position. Today - a colored man got to a house, but with a intelligent head and an intelligent eye, inquired in Julia the cook. He said she was his adopted daughter - he was going away with my secret that had been released from duty here and was going to his regiment. He wanted to tell me that Julia always had a good character, was a member of the church &c. He did not know where she would find so good

My dear Julia, return in a letter

protection as it has. Howard's head
quarters. Julia with two little children
followed out of Fort Pemberton and
I found her been employed by the
Quartermaster at Corinth. Another girl a mere
child of 16 was with her and these
two children some two & three years
old. I called up Julia & asked her
about this girl, whom I thought was
not discreet enough - and told her
they must behave well if they stay
here. She showed so much intelligence
and sensitiveness that I was struck
with it. She is not black - good deal
of the Creole cast of look. I told her

I would write you and perhaps
send her to you. She is an excellent
cook. "She would undertake anything
to go to you". With her children -
For a time she kept them in a
cold tent - no cry, no murmur. They are
never in the way. Say where she tells
them to stay. I had a small log
hut made for them. Now I must
leave them when we come to move -
I believe I will send Julia with her
two mates to you. Her husband, she
says is dead. What say you? I
wouldn't propose it did I not think you
could benefit her with no trouble to two

1504 Apple St. Above Jefferson
Phila Pa
January 8th /64

My dear Guy

I suppose you will be astonished yet receiving a letter from me. For a long time I have given up hopes of ever receiving an answer to my last from you. I cannot tell you how disappointed I was at not hearing from you once in a while and how often I think of you and Grace and dear little Jamey. I have not heard anything about Papa now

and tell me where he is now. I send you my photograph that you may sometimes think of me when you see it. Tell me if you would know me or if Grace remembers ever seeing me before. Please remember me to your Gramma and Miss Grace (who I suppose is a young lady now) and Jamey for me.

Write soon Guy to

Susan M. Key

for some time. I trust that he and Mamma and all of you are in good health.
I happened to see little Sam Merrick Pape one day in the street here and thought of going to him and asking him how you were but on second consideration I did not do it.
I presume you are able to write a letter now without much assistance from Mamma and I do hope dear Guy you will be kind enough to write to me that I may know how you all are and that you have not forgotten me. I often thought of writing to your Pape since I left Washington but some times sickness prevented me and other times I understood that he was in active service and therefore knew he had no time to spend on such letters as mine.
However I trust I will have an opportunity of doing so soon.
I tried to see him when he was in this city but could not learn where Wm Merrick lived.
I knew (through Wm Church) that he was to come here and made all the enquiries was in my power but failed to find it out.
I know all the time he had here was entirely occupied by his friends but still I think he would give me a few moments if I could only see him.
Please write to me Guy

Letter, Clara D

1433 Filbert St. Phila.
11th January 1864

Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear Sir,
The
bearer, Lieut. Ekings, (a
friend of mine,) is going
to Chattanooga with a
detachment of recruits for
Jersey Regts. and thought
I'd ask you to bear my message
to you. I am very sorry
to send you such intelli-
gence of dear Maria, but
the poor child is failing
rapidly. Can only sit up
an hour or two out of the
twenty-four. It's very sad
to look at her, and think
of the little ones, soon to be

restlessness. She spoke of you a day or two ago, and wanted to know something of you. I wrote to Sarah Sargent, asking her to tell you of Maria's wish. Maria cannot feel that her sins are forgiven, and therefore has not that peace she ought to have. She looks too much into her own heart and too little at Christ. I have thought that a line from you, who have faced death in so many forms, may comfort her. She is not willing to think that she cannot recover.

You will pardon me for writing to you, when you have so much to think of?

May God bless you as He alone can!

With sincere regards

Yours respectfully

Clara Dains

Portland Jany 12 - 1864

Mrs Howard }
Dear Niece }

Your letter of 9th inst I recvd yesterday P.M. we were glad to hear from you and to learn that you and Children were now well and also that your Husband was, by last news, Enjoying the Same blessing - we are all in usual good health - Edward Francis has Enlisted as a Soldier in the Army and Expects to leave here this week to join the 17th Main Regiment Near Brandy Station V.A. - I called on Mr Barrett to Enquire about the Value of Rail Road Bonds and find they are worth from 90 to $92 dollars pr 100 Say $920 for a 1000 they will probaly be higher before they become due - there is a balance due to you Since last October $143,80 which is not invested - as I could not tell what was best to do with so small amt - and have let it remain

if you wish me to send you the amt. that is to your Credit here I will do so - or can get you a share of Bank Stock - please let me know - -

Your Affectionate
Uncle
E Waite

batteries are at Bridgeport and Nashville at present where the animals can get forage. The two new brigades are between Nashville and Murfreesboro. All this dissipation of my command requires my supervision and so I am a little fearful I cannot get a respite before the spring opens. Charles is quite well. He is inspector at present during Col Asmussen's absence. Capt Stinson is well. He and others continue to study French together. Mr Littleth is quite well. All with myself have had a slight attack of bilious affection with its accompaniments - but this is not serious and does not last long. We have heard from Perry at Washington. The Uncle of Mrs Perry Jr who made me the boots that the express Co. are determined not to bring me, has become deranged. Give much love to each and all the children. I hope you are quite well yourself, darling, and hope you are not getting tired of playing a soldier's wife - God bless you - Lovingly - Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Nashville Valley Jan. 13th 1864

I received a good long letter from you a day or two since (Wednesday) Yesterday I received remembrances from Mr Wm Wright to Dr Pirsing, Mr Wm Wright, Jr. Chas. Mr Wilkins, Jr. Jamie Fisher (friends) Write all about them

Dearest Lizzie - I have received a letter from you dated Dec. 31st. a really good one though short. All these ~~little~~ home scenes are very full of interest to me: Jamie talking to the baby, his sitting alone &c. We are now very quiet and I might think of a leave, but for the feeling that my Corps is so poorly provided with clothing and supplies. It is not it too bad, when there is such abundance in the country, that our men cant have pants to cover them and proper food to eat. The trouble is the want of transportation. The R.R. from Nashville to Bridgeport 120 miles is a poor concern running over mountain grades, worn out, old style with but managers from top to bottom. It now has to supply Knoxville. This fact uses up our river steamers

so that we can scarcely get through the bare necessities
i.e. sugar, coffee, hard bread and salt meat. Eating
these things constantly brings on sickness and dis-
comfort. As soon as the Memphis and Charleston
RR. is through we will get relief and that is hoped for
by the middle of next month. They promise
to have the Chattanooga R.R. through today.
When we came to this department, there was a
very long bridge over the Tennessee at Bridge-
port completely destroyed and another at
Whiteside's - a very high one. The carpenters
have to build story upon story of trestle work.
All this is now nearly done. The bridges across
Lookout Creek & Chattanooga Creek are done.
This RR. will help us a little because whatever gets
to Bridgeport can be brought forward having
the R.R. and the river transportation to
accomplish it with. Now I get everything in
good order, food and clothing for the
men and good for the animals and it is not too
late in the season I shall ask for a short
leave to look in upon you to say: "How do you do"
and "Goodbye". But we will not count upon this as
too certain. Two brigades have been added to my
Corps, though the order has not yet come to hand.
Many of my animals and wagons are at Nashville, which
Col. Crouchman went up there to get and bring
down, but owing to bad R.R. &c. he was ordered to
delay and was granted a leave of 20 days. In
a month he will be back and do this work. My

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Nashville Feb 14 1864.

"Bilious turn" last is better. You have never mentioned the Lewiston Gazette Weekly, which by my hand Otis subscribed for for you — I enclose receipt.

I have been much interested in learning first of your expectation to have Isabella with you and now am very glad that you were not disappointed. I fear her brother Edwin did not get a transfer to the Cavalry — It is next to impossible to effect such a transfer. I know by experience. It he fully recovered from his wounds? — I hoped he would enter the Invalid Corps now. But he is a bold-spirited young man and if able I suppose would not be contented out of the field.

We have — or rather I have the faintest shadow of a hope that we may have the Fifteen Veteran Regiments from Maine in our Corps. Otis would like to have them. And if Warren is still with you please tell him we wish it were so that we could have his Regt. The 29th Illinois is — at least that which contains the old 10th Maine — is coming. I hear with the 12th Corps which is in this Department.

Please give kindest remembrances to Isabella. I wouldn't wonder if Otis took a leave by-and-by but it is so far I fear I will not go home.

We have had a new division with Otis's old Comandant, Genl. Ward. They were present at Otis's Wedding.

Otis's letter is not in — we have far too much to write. The Quartermaster's Department is at last building a Bond is making 330 Bond is making the Pulpit Gaining air room with Quiet Trains.

Don't you wish you were here — it looks as if we had an awkward sheet to write letters to some ladies upon. I think so too. But I find this paper convenient on Otis' table just when I was using it until twelve last night waiting for him. Otis got in a mood for business letters and I usually yield the pen on such occasions. I shall not be so precise and slow in the formation of my words to you as when waiting for the Eye of the Secy of War and such dignitaries.

It is Evening. Otis mail just arrived. We were disappointed not to get a letter from you as we always are when none comes. But

I was made happier than I was before by a letter from Rowland and we imagine that we get a kind of indirect hint of news from you too. Rowland said that he had the agreeable surprise of an anonymous letter from Augusta containing 2 $20 notes received New Years day for which he seemed to feel very grateful.

We imagine that this must have emanated from you and that it indicates at least a healthy state of finances.

Tomorrow morning Lt. Thompson of Staff of 2nd Div. will start for Portland & will send this by him. Letters clog in this Department. Get them beyond Louisville and the Nashville R. R. between this & there and they go well enough. Speaking of Rail Roads – hush! I heard a locomotive whistle this afternoon and in very truth a train of cars went through to Chattanooga – going across the famous Lookout Creek – around the more famous "nose" of the mountain – again across Chattanooga Creek – and to town. I hope this will facilitate our bread and I was going to say butter but I will have to change to forage for we won't mind the luxury of butter if only they won't let our horses starve. Otis has just been reading newspaper but remarks that he does not get much good out of the newspapers – "The progress of the revolution during the Winter months is too slow." (to Maj. Osborne our Chief of Artillery who sits here). I suppose Otis does not tell you that he has been not very well – a kind of sickness has passed around to nearly every member of the Staff. I was not slighted but was "Richard is himself again" & this she took in

his opinion respect to news coming (or witness) will be rather weekly not to say foggy

Sent it by mail – I cannot tell the little man – Tom Ball

Write to the money – Tell Tom I will always

Boston Jany 15/64

Mr Howard
Augusta Me

Yours of the 13th at hand
Ups Bill

We shall be pleased to remedy any imperfections as you suggest & regret the impossibility of indulging buffs for the same price

The amt named you is really very low, affording us only a small margin of profit

Yours
Geo Dwyer
Agt

Have no time to write more — Hope you will promote the plan of mothers' coming West —

Your affec. brother

A. H. Bowen

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Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Assistant Inspector General's Office.

Lookout Valley — Jan. 22nd 1864

Dear Brother

I was sorry to learn that you did not get off till 4 P.M. instead of A.M. Kerlin saw you pass the Lookout Switch. I also heard from you by my orderly John who went over to the Sanitary Rooms. Mr. Sawyer of C. C. sent me some Raspberry Shrub which I could drink with relish — He also sent some apples which I

have had roasted and this morning I had some appetite and but a great deal better. I kept pretty quiet yesterday. Have had no return of the sickness and will now soon be perfectly well. Col. Richardson 25th Ohio has written again to enquire for his forms letters. Col. Meysenburg will answer that you replied to them & sent back Gen. McLean's paper. – Two other unimportant letters inquiring for a surgeon & a soldier – Capt. Thomson will attend to. Col. Logie Corps Officer of the Day does not report here nor does he visit the Camps – & even day before yesterday did he report my visit to Picket-lines – I send him a copy of an old Circular of yours this morning requiring attention to these things. It is very pleasant & you are probably just about arriving at Nashville if you have not again been delayed. Love to Lizzie & the little ones – Eng, Enoch, Jonathan & Chas.

Baltimore Jan 22nd 1864

Genl. Howard

Dear Sir,

It has been some time since I have heard of you. I believe you were in Maine last August. I heard of you, but did not see you. I was in Lewiston at the same time, I went there with the 10th Me. and was there until Sept. I went there with the intention of learning to be a machinist. I was at work about three months when I was taken down rheumatic fever; and after I got able to be moved my Mother came on and took me home.

I do not think of returning

sergt. is doing great duty here. If it would not be asking too much of you would you use your influence to get him a position on a staff some where out where you are.

His rank is second Lt. and is adjutant of one of the battalions of his regt.

I know him fore a long time and know him to be a man of good principals and steady habits, I can vouch for all of this. If necessary I can get a letter from Maj Genl. Schenk whom he has been under fore some time.

I hope soon to hear from you. The folks all wish to be remembered to you.

I remain yours truely.

Henry J. Abbott.

Direct Care of E. A. Abbott & sons.

as the climate does not agree with me.

I am now entirely well and am about to go to my trade again, as soon as I decide on a place.

I want to join the army, but my parents object becaus they think that I am to young, and it is best policy for boys of my age to obey their parents.

I have been studying tactics ever since the war begun, with a view of some time serving my Country.

The folks often speak of Genl Howard and wonder why he has not stopped to see them when he has been passing thru the city.

I have a friend J. A. Sutts of the 1st Conn. Cav. who has been in the service ever since the war begun. His time expired a short time ago and he re-enlisted for the war. He has seen some service but not much in comparison to some.

He is a man about thirty two years old, a smart active young man, he is a good penman, and from what I have seen of him and what I hear of him pretty well versed in military.

He is five feet ten inches and a half, and weighs about one hundred and seventy lbs.

He wants to get some where that he can see more active service, as his

to play over those three first pieces that they played the Eve of your departure. I'll name them for Lizzie's benefit. 1 "Siege Quickstep" dedicated to Maj. Gen. Howard. # "Glory to God on High". ## "We may be happy yet". (Cornet obligato & bells). My Cabin door is open to let in the clear pure air & moonlight. I doubt if Capt. L. gets that Historical Record done so as to send it to you at Augusta. My health improves slowly – not much appetite. I wonder he ungrateful not to get well much sooner.

Please explain regularly upon the fact of your receiving a love letter by every mail for Lizzie – and for a mail for Lizzie Stephens complaining the Blame is very to themselves –

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Tenn.

January 24th 1864.

My dear Brother

I received your letter of the 17th yesterday & was glad to hear from home. Yesterday was a bright beautiful morning, mild as May. We have had several such days and evenings like the one before you left or if anything more mild and pleasant. We are beginning to wonder if Winter has really gone. Col. Hayes has decided not to work on the Railroad today. I thought

it better not. He will run three or four miles up the Rem-
ine R.R. for an old Switch.
He is not allowed to take the
rails as he expected from
the Nashotaue Junction.
Will get them in Chattanooga.
He saw the Supt. R.R. yesterday.
I rode over the battle-ground
of 28th, 29th Oct. with Gen Schurz
dismounted Hecker's & other
Corps yesterday. Schurz is
going to have not so easy a
victory with Hooker I think.
Hecker will prove that I com-
municated an order for him
to halt but Gen. Hooker
will hold that he never au-
thorized me to give any such
order and moreover will
affirm that he supposed
Krzyzanowski (an) was marching
on with his brigade — And
I think Schurz cannot show
that Krzyzanowski had any
order to halt. Mr. Douglass
saw yesterday & we will have
a meeting in my office
tonight. Today he visits the
33d Mass. Last evening
by moonlight he & I went
over & got the 33d Band

Why have we not better written orders in such cases — Q.

Not he doubt when Hooker is Hooker.

Thinks first wounds this will be Hooker.

Left-Thinks

Fort, Feb. 26, 1863
[January] 26, 1864

My dear Son,

you will see my letter has not been mailed, we are still in good health no letter yet from Charles, it's a longer time than usual since we have heard from you, and yet we hope all is right with you, nothing new with us, if there is anything I desire, more than another it is a more lively sense of the goodness of God, his great love and condescention to me a puny creature, Charlie has never said anything about our changing the direction of our letters to any other place so we continue to direct to Nashville as formerly much love to Charlie and abundance to yourself

from your affectionate
Mother Eliza Gilmore

deluded by the report from the War. Every day that he was getting better & did not even see him.

Gen. Schurz by an victorious letter you sent at the Mess - Everything goes on well - Gen. S. seems unusually diligent to do his whole duty. Gen. Butterfield is here - Gen. Grant I hear is at Chattanooga. Suppose Granger's Div. will join him at Knoxville & perhaps a fight will ensue.

The weather is incomparably fine - Capt. S. will have the Statistical Record finished today.

Your affec. brother
O. O. Howard

P.S. Hinrichs - have Stings & his chicken

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Assistant Inspector General's Office.

Lookout Valley - Jany 26 1864

My dear Brother

Night before last an order came for the III Div. to relieve the troops of Gen. Granger between this & Bridgeport. So one brigade will be at Whiteside - One at Shellmound and one at B. - Hd. qrs. Div. probably at the last named. Gen. Schurz moved here yesterday & occupied your house.

Your furniture being stowed in a corner. The Div. marched yesterday morning. Part of the baggage was taken by R. R. train. Part of the ride ditto & the rest will be. This leaves a mere cand. here - I do not get daily reports from III Div. - Shall try & get the monthly both from them & the new 1st Div. and forward the same before I leave. In order to accomplish this I may be compelled to remain till the 3d or 4th Feby before starting for Richmond. I will finish my business well & properly first - afterwards play. My health has continued to improve and with the exception of an old difficulty (the piles) which has attacked me anew I am quite well. I am going to ride every day & have done so of late for my health. I saw Col Fessenden yesterday who desired me to say to you that he had sent the letter as you wished.

Poor McCoulay died night before last. I had been

My dear Son, Leeds January 25th 1863

I am conscious, that I do not properly appreciate my daily blessings, neither do I enter fully into your privations, the former would be a happy contemplation to have a spiritual love to the author of every good and perfect gift, would create in my heart great happiness, but to have a realizing sense of all your dangers and and privations, would not benefit you &, might help me faster. towards old age. your kind letter of the 27th I was very happy to receive, and am much obliged to you for it, and the present it contained of ten dollars and how much I should be gratified to divide some of our winter stores with you, such as apples, cheese, butter and milk &c. &c. but 1800 miles intervene between us, I heard through Howland that Mrs Patten Ellen's mother had sent some cans of dried fruit to Charles through John Irons's friends, I was

our family at the present time consists of your father and I, and the girl we have so far had a mild winter, just snow enough to have good sleighing I felt no inconvenience from the cold in going to Church to day, I think now your father and I shall go to Augusta soon and visit the dear ones there I have not seen Flora much to ask her much about them Mr and Mrs T. Lettingwell called to see Rodelphus yesterday said he was well and happy, he has written Charles since, wrote the 4th of Jan. I think that was the letter in which I placed Laura's letter, my last letter from Charles was written at midnight of the last year, and the commencing in of the new year he express'd himself as possessing a contented spirit, in that there is great enjoyment I am glad to feel that he is happy I saw Mrs Warren Howard to day she spoke of Dexter said his health was good and he was looking forward to the time his Regiment would be discharged. I hope you will be able to get good rye for Coffee

glad but could not help wishing I could be one to help fill up a box for you, but I will not fill up my letter with useless regrets, but tell you about things here, I went to Farmington last Thursday and stopt two nights with Rowland there I learn'd of Marian's death, (which news will reach you, ere my letter does, as Rowland wrote you while I was there) I read two letters from Clara Davis to Sarah a particular friend of Marian's a Lady with whom you and Charles have met at Marian's house, I hope and trust her spirit is at rest in the bosom of her saviour, but still it brought a sadness over my mind to review my brother's life and his family, I suppose Marian had as much to live for as any one, but Infinite Wisdom saw fit to remove her from earth, and who shall question his right to do so? This day has been one of great privilege to me I have heard two Gospel sermons, and enjoyed the services of our church very much Mr Smith of Wayne exchanged with our Minister

we have had some additions to our church the first year, and are still looking for more mercy from our Heavenly father however undeserved it may be, I am now in my sixtieth year, and I know I have had many blessing, both spiritual and temporal, but still it is what I cannot fully distinguish between one blessing or another as all are from God and it is our duty to render thanks to our great Master for our benefits, I have been ungrateful many times, but the great love of God has brought me back in much humility, I trust, to his feet, and that, I count one of his great mercies Mr Berry and Florra Turner returned from Augusta yesterday they called to see your family they were in health I sent them some apples by them. I said they were delighted with them, Augusta is full of soldiers at this time, poor fellows I hope, at least, some of them have a true motive in enlisting, I almost dread for them the hardships they must endure,

Washington D.C.
28 Jany 1864

My Dear General:

I enclose you a copy of the Joint Resolution whose adoption by a unanimous vote in both Houses of Congress you have doubtless already noticed.

The effect of the Resolution is to recognise you and to permanently record you in the Annals of the country as the Hero of the great Battle of Gettysburgh.

I congratulate you on a result at once so just & generous on the part of the National Congress — and so honorable & auspicious to yourself.

I remain
Very truly Your friend
J. G. Blaine

Maj. Genl Howard
&c &c &c

Lambertville N J Jan 20 1867

Maj Gen Howard.

Having heard you speak in Phila, on Thursday night I feel that it does not need any apology even for a stranger to address one who belongs so fully to his country and hers, but although I do feel an almost idolatrous love for those who for us & for the "old flag" have gone forth to the conflict and offered their lives yet while listening to one who had given his <u>strong right arm</u> for our beloved land I felt there was a stronger bond of union If I loved you for your patriotism it was even a purer and holier love I felt for one who amid the fearful conflict was resting so perfectly on our Almighty Fathers arm—

your heart and mind through Christ Jesus and that you may at last sit down with him in the home of the blest where no — woes ever come is the prayer of one of your fellow servants in the work of the Master

Cornelia E Anderson.

I thank you for staying I thank our Father for inclining that heart to stay and speak for his glory I thank you for standing up for Jesus before that multitude

I do feel that we have not done what we could for the conversion of those who have gone forth to battle for our flag – It almost breaks my heart to feel that many of our brave ones have no home in our "Father's house of many mansions" I feel that we must pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest that every Christian should feel that it is not for us who are at home to live at ease while our brave ones are falling on every side without an interest in Christ – I feel that we must send men who's meat and drink it is to do their master's will to teach them the way of life

And now one request – Never decline an opportunity of speaking for your country and your God – words spoken from a heart so filled with love to his Country and his God must reach the hearts of all – Speak them when you may –

I would ask for our brave ones earthly richest choicest blessings I would crown them with laurels – but all earthly things must perish – I would ask a crown unfading with many stars; And that you may go back to your duties and your trials from your dear ones at home with stronger faith in the Savior and more earnest desires for the glory of God in the conversion of souls and that in the darkest hour may you ever feel underneath and around you the Almighty arm of our heavenly Father and that the peace of God which passeth all understanding may keep –

Philadelphia January 30th 1864

My dear Mrs Howard

It is needless to say how often I think of you, and your noble Husband, and dear little Guy and Grace, and I will not attempt to tell you how often my thoughts take me to your home at West Point where we were all so happy when my darling son was your neighbor and friend. I will not attempt to tell you, how I learned to love your Husband, when a Cadet, because my son loved him, and claimed him for his friend. But I will tell you, about his late visit to our City, because I think that his Modesty will not speak of it. I well know my dear friend that your heart will throb with Patriotic pride to know that in our City of "Brotherly Love" your noble Husband, is not only admired,

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but honored. Oh how I wish that you could have been in our Academy of Music last Thursday evening, to have seen the welcome that was given to him, in rapturous rounds of applause. I wish that you could have seen, and heard him in that large assemblage tell how much he loved his Country, and how fearlessly he avowed his love for his (and our) Savior. I thank my God for your Husbands firmness of character. and I thank him for giving my darling son, and his wife, and children, such a friend. I pray God that your life and your precious Husbands may long be spared to you and your little ones.

I have often told your Husband how very glad we would all be to have you make us a visit and have urged him to bring you. When his leave is up, come this far with him. You need not fear to bring the little Chaney with you. we all love children. and will do our best to help you, take care of him. and I promise you a warm welcome. If you cannot come now with the General. we will be glad to see you at any time you can make it convenient to come.

Sallie received your letter and was truly glad to hear from you, and the little stranger. she sends much love to you, and your Husband. and little ones.

My dear Husband joins me, in wishing that you would come to us. Sallie too will enjoy your visit.

With many good wishes for your health, peace, and happiness, I am dear Mrs Howard your Sincere friend

Susan C. Greble.

128. S. 19th. Philadea.

Geo. H. Stuart, *Chairman*, 11 Bank St.
Jos. Patterson, *Treas.*, Western Bank.
Rev. W. E. Boardman, *Sec'y*, 11 Bank St.

U. S. Christian Commission,

11 BANK STREET.

Philadelphia, January 30. 1864

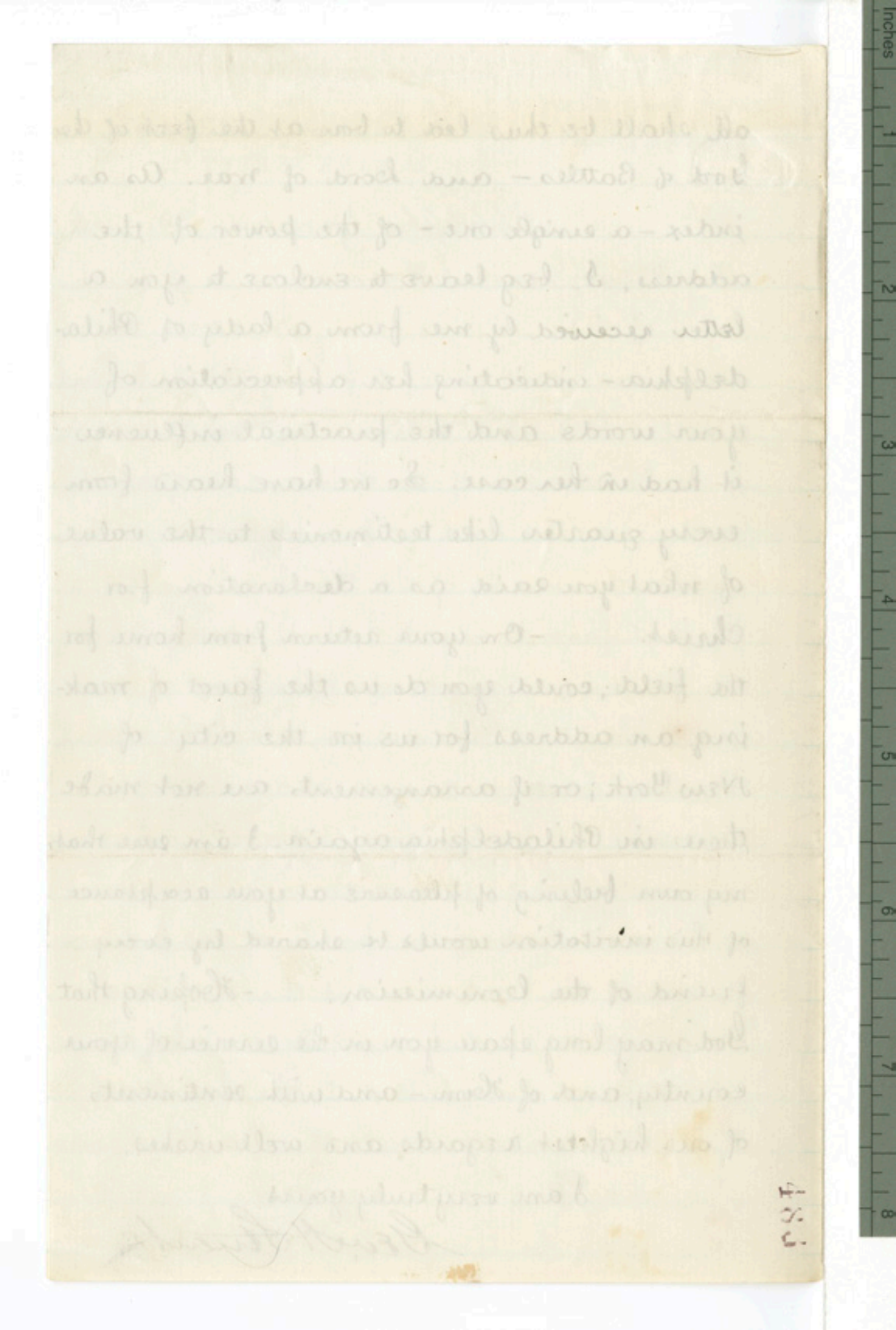
My Dear General Howard.

It is with the most sincere and grateful feelings that I find myself called upon to tender you the thanks of the Commission, of the Public, and of myself for the eloquent and noble address made by you on the evening of the Anniversary. As a personal favor to myself I shall always cherish the remembrance of it, and as a favor to the Christian Commission also. The grand Christian sentiments and character of the address; the prominence it gave to what was eminently spiritual; and the acknowledgment there was in it of the power of our religion to guide the soul amidst the storms of war and the calms of peace alike, came with a force unequalled to the hearts of Christians present. Would that all the officers and soldiers of our army were actuated thus; may the time not be far off when

all shall be thus led to bow at the feet of the God of Battles – and Lord of war. As an index – a single one – of the power of the address, I beg leave to enclose to you a letter received by me from a lady of Philadelphia – indicating her appreciation of your words and the practical influence it had in her case. So we have heard from every quarter like testimonies to the value of what you said as a declaration for Christ. – On your return from home for the field, could you do us the favor of making an address for us in the city of New York; or if arrangements are not made there in Philadelphia again. I am sure that my own feeling of pleasure at your acceptance of this invitation would be shared by every friend of the Commission. – Hoping that God may long spare you in the service of your country, and of Him – and with sentiments of our highest regards and well-wishes,

I am very truly yours

Geo. H. Stuart



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Phila. Jany 29th 1864

Dear Sir

Allow me to enclose you a bill for $1.00. to be added to last-night's collection in aid of "The Christian Commission".

I esteem it a privilege to have attended that meeting, to listen to those interesting addresses, and to have witnessed the enthusiasm of feeling manifested; but above everything else to have been permitted to hear the testimony of such a man as General Howard in favor of our holy religion. To me that was one of the greatest services I have ever heard. We know now the secret of his coolness and bravery in battle — and I have all along thought our meeting at Gettysburg was more owing to his choice of position, than

men to General Meade.
If we have many such men as he in the army, we may surely look for the favor and blessing of God.
With him I say, God bless the "Christian Commission", which while it does not neglect the bodies of our brave Soldiers, cares especially for their souls.

Respectfully Yours
Mrs Wm Rockwell

Mr G. H. Stuart

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