Farmington July 4. 1864

Dear Sister Lizzie

We rode around by "Logue" & took Tea at Gardiner at Mr Bradshaws - a friend of Ellas - & spent the night at Bowdoinham after we bade you good bye = I placed 10 $ with your check & sent it to the East Sec: We arrived at Bath about 10. A.M. Thursday and started with our whole family for home at 2. P.M. = Mr Patten gave me 3 $ for your scarf for which I am greatly obliged to you =

Ella left her Parasol at your house & she needs it very much - if you or the

Children come to Leeds,
could it not be brought
& sent up by Mr. Goff -
No later letters from the
army - with much love
from Ella & myself to you
& the children

Yr. aff. Brother
Rowland

P.S. Yesterday was a
precious communion
Sabbath to us all -

Greystone 6th July 1864

My dear friend!

Since your letter – so very like yourself was written, I have heard of more battles! and my heart is filled with fears that each day will bring some sorrowful tidings! those I love, all are in such terrible scenes – fraught with peril to their precious lives – that I feel impelled to write – lest "one of these days" it may be too late. I know you will pardon me for troubling you with my perplexings, for you know how dear you are to us.

I feel convinced you would grant my wish that your loving influence should be thrown around Willie my sweet – brother – cousin my noble Willie – if not that I asked it – because you cannot resist the Spirit that sends you like Philip, to those prayer encircled ones, around you! But that Spirit dwells with you & influences every act of your life. Bless God for such Generals! all were lost without them! Do you know the battle cry of Gen Kilpatrick? "Let the rebels know there is a God in Israel"! He tells me

that he has had his me into the very jaws death with this cry! Is it not a strange time? does it not seem like the days when "all shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest"! Mrs Captain Roe was telling me the yesterday, that Captain Roe & Charles his eldest son, just entered West Point, academy - both go forward & join the church next Sabbath - is not that good news?

Our Willie is a member of the Episcopal church & was leader in the choir, and very active in the S. School at his home & I feel a profound certainty of his never forgetting the teachings of his mother in his boyhood - still associations are so powerful, and his high opinion of you (I might quote half a sheet of large letter-paper, about you & your brother his admiration of you both - were it not too much for you to read!) will give you an unbounded influence over him -

He wrote me of your injury & said it was well it was no worse - I felt very sorry for you, it must have been very painful!

We are still in our house – but hope for a favorable answer to-day from an applicant I like. How I would like to stay in it & have Mrs Howard & the children come on & spend a month with us! May we ~~shall~~ see that day yet! Could not you get a leave in the fall & all come? It is so lonely here then!

May I not send your books to Roland to keep for you? as they are theological works they might interest him till you would need them – or I will send them whenever you say.

Mama sends her very kindest love to you & your brother & family & prays fervently for your safety & happiness & I believe her prayers will be answered! Cols Bowman & Clitz are ordered away & Cols J. B. Power, & Tidball are ordered there instead – I am very sorry, as both are good friends of mine! Capt Craighill

is back - and Platt is ordered back as professor of Spanish! There is little other news of interest. When Kilpatrick was looking at your photograph, he said "I like that man!" very emph=
=atically. Now when you want to amuse yourself(!) or when an ordinary mortal would be "whittling", tell me about the books, or where Roland is - or Mrs Howard - please! Love to brother Charles & yourself from one who will never forget March 1861!

Leander K. Gray

and Capt. Gilbert are well.

Your lovingly
Otis

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Head-Quarters 4th Army Corps.

Near Vinings Sta. Atlanta R.R. 1864
July 9th 1864

Dearest.

We have the prospect of rest today and I have promised myself to begin the day by a letter to you. If you had such terribly hot weather as we I know you would give up making much exertion. The sun quite affects me unfavorably. It is so nearly overhead that it is hard to get away from it. However the country is full of woods & the shade good. I am now at a very fair house that of Mr Hardy Pace. He went over the river and took about 50 negroes. He is an old man about 75 yrs - His aged housekeeper is here - She got frightened during the firing and ran to the woods - says his balls came through the house. The soldiers have taken her clothing and she is left with only one dress and no underclothes and very little to eat - She comes to me to know what she shall do. Whether our soldiers or the rebels

house down this mischief I do not know. We hear that Frank Lilman is getting well. I failed to get him an appointment as I had written and he feels disinclined to remain otherwise and so I think he will go home. He does little work much. I have not heard from Stinson for some days. The enemy made a stand about five miles South of Marietta and put up their much strong lines of intrenchments. On the Fourth of July Gen. Hooker stormed their intrenched skirmish line in an open field and put his lines up in its place. The rebels opened with musketry & artillery to drive him back but did not succeed. Next night they abandoned their line & he pursued the next day, driving them from good & hardly occupy the town of this place (Pace's ferry). A portion of the Rebel army near the R.R. bridge is not across and they act as though they meant to make another stand.

We taken a good many prisoners at every move and this depletes Johnson's army. From a high hill near me I can see Atlanta about ten miles away. I trust some favorable change will occur, so that I can go home with honor & health before the close of 1864. We must continue to labor and to wait. I wish I could be with you to help you bear your burdens and you could help me bear mine. You said in your last letter you were faithless in nothing. I must say to you as I once did to Prof. Bartlett do what you can and trust in God for the rest. Pray for me darling that my faith may not fail. In the midst of so much wrong over which I have no control I am inclined all the time to let things go. Oh, that peace might return to us. The man is waiting to take this letter. and I hear the bell on the train – but help you all. Kiss all the children for papa. Chas.

War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, July 8th, 1864.

Sir:

Your endorsement of the 18th. of May, last, on Lieut. Colonel O. H. Howard's resignation of his commission as Aide-de-Camp on your staff, approving the same, and requesting certain appointments on your staff, has been submitted to the Secretary of War, by whom it has been decided that with the appointment of F. W. Gilbreth as Aide, your staff, as corps commander, under the Act of July 17, 1862, was full; and that no other appointments, therefore, could be made. The Act in question prescribes that officers, on the corps establishment, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel, shall be assigned from the <u>army or volunteer force</u> by the President. Hence it will be seen that

should Major Howard's resignation as Aide-de-Camp, be accepted he would cease to be an officer in the service and would thereby become legally incapable of holding the position of Assistant Inspector General by assignment.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant,
S. F. Chalfin.
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard,
U. S. Volunteers,
Dept. of the Cumberland,
Via Chattanooga
Tenn.

Augusta. July, 9th 1864.

Dearest

It is now just eight o'clock Saturday morning and I am going to give you an hour a more, and tell you of my visit at Leeds. I took Guy, Grace, Chaney and Mrs Wingate, (the latter came up in the "fly train") last Thursday morning at eight and 1/2 o'clock and started for Leeds. We had a very pleasant ride and arrived just after they had finished dinner. Mother knew we were coming. I found Mother looking quite well, but Col Gilmore looks poorly. I dont feel as if he will ever be well again. Uncle Ensign and Horace Potter drove down that evening after tea and Guy went home with them. The next morning Cousin Laura, Lobby and the boys came back to see us, and we left them all there when we came away about two o'clock. Ensign walks and is a bright, active boy. Chaney looked at him in wonder to see him walk as he does not walk. I had to be so devoted to Chaney I did not enjoy my visit so much as I might have. He is so ~~timid~~ afraid of everybody and would cling to me. I expect Guy will go to Farmington this afternoon with Horace, Mrs Potter and Lobby will be in the cars and join them at Leeds. Grace is happy enough with Grandmother and now if they can only keep well they will have a delightful visit. Grace did not get her letter, but it came while while I was gone. I will mail it to her this morning. I got mine of the 25th ult the night before I went to Leeds. Mother received hers of the same date. I heard all about Mother's journey and visit. She seems to have enjoyed it all very much. We called to see Mrs Burgess at Winthrop. She had just returned from Mrs Preston's

sister Amelia who has a young child. She has never kept house in the
winter since her husband died. I took Mrs Wingate down to Hallowell
after we had taken tea at home. Jamie was very happy with Isabella
I took him with me after tea, and he now talks a great deal about
going to see Grandmother with "Lizabella" She wants to take him and
I fear he would be greatly disappointed if I do not let him go. I have
some fear to have him go, but mother wants to see him. Julia did just
well while I was away as when I am here. Isabella's brother
Clark is coming home on a visit, but Joseph, who was wounded I
heard while at Lewis, is not living. I have just written to Col. Whitman
to learn what I can. He came home wounded in the hand. I must now
give Charley his bath. He is standing by my side earnestly calling
"mam mam mam" I will write to Guy, and Grace and send
the letter you wrote on her birthday. I hope you are all very well.
Mr Hinson was in last evening wants Harry to come home. thinks he may
if you advise him. I saw Mr Blaine at the window as I passed
yesterday. Mr William Means has lost his beautiful little daughter eight
years old. buried yesterday. I wish the warm weather was over. Give
best love to Charlie. I saw the small picture of "the three on the
sofa." the large one had been sent away to be framed. I cannot write
more this time. Mrs Wingate sends love to both. Your son

Iggie

Letters from
Edward Colcage
Athens, E. Tenn.

Athens, E. Tenn.
July 17th 1864

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Nashville Tenn. 9 July 1864

Maj Gen O. O. Howard.
on the Front

My Friend, I wrote to you last week also to Gen. Sherman, asking you to intercede with Genl Sherman for the Release of my Old Brother Alex Chage & his two young Sons Wm & Wm, I went with them up to Jeffersonville Ind where they were sent - and have just returned here on my way home to Athens - will leave to morrow 12 O.C train - I telegraphed to day, to you, through permission and approval of Gen McArthur, asking and immediat answer of the result which I trust I may receive before I go, - In case I do not - I write this letter beseeching you will render me your influence to the final release of the parties, Indeed my Sole reliance is in you, as it almost impossible for me to go to the Front. and plead with Gen Sherman My Brother and his young Sons, assure me that they are personally innocent of the charge of correspending beyong the lines or with the Enemy, and I have ever found them truthful - If any from the South, beyond the lines, should be writing - they here aught not be held responsible here, unless they encourage it. only for their own acts And they have not and will not do any thing detrimental

to the United States. Alex Cleage took the Oath of allegiance in Sept When Col Bird's Brigade - first occupied our County and sometime afterwards was advised by Lieut Col Waterman of the 100 Illo to take the Amnesty Oath which he did, and has lived up to both, He never was a secessionist, but Circumstances he could not Control caused him after the Vote of the State to be classed as a Rebel, and he has suffered much pecuniarly for it and now in person, he desires to be a peaceable Citizen always has been, one, he is a Retiring inoffensive man never engaged in party or politics, but loved to attend to his Farming and Mill Operations

Dear Genl - If Gen Sherman has not yet agreed to release him, will you, for I believe you are a good Christian for Humanity Sake. Have Genl Sherman to permit A. Cleage & Sons to return to their Homes, I will have any Bond for any amt - given that he may require or any terms that he may think best for peace and restoration of our once Glorious & peacable union

If Gen Sherman will grant this humane request - Genl Webster - who I have found a good kind man - would carry out instructions

I remain Your Obt Sert David Cleage

I would be much gratified to receive a letter from you. at Athens Tn. when it may suit your convenience,

Mrs. Col. F. T. Sherman
Chattanooga, July 11. 1864.

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Chattanooga July 11th/64

Gen Howard

Dear Sir

My anxiety for my husband must plead my excuse for trespassing upon your valuable time. I think I have waited patiently I have heard nothing since your telegram of the 8th - I sent a telegraph to you the same day asking if you knew whether he was wounded when taken - If I could be assured that he was not wounded I would feel comparatively easy about him - You please tell me if you think there could be a special exchange effected for him & if so how I am to proceed or what steps are to be taken to effect it - May success and God's blessing

crown with glory all the efforts of our noble army to bring back to peace our noble Republic - with prayers for your safety & welfaring - I am

very respectfully

Your friend

Mrs W. T. Sherman

Hd. Qrs. 4th A.C.

Near Mauriller (6 miles)

July 12th 1864

Dearest – I will just write you a line this morning to tell you that we are all well and about to cross the Chattahoochee today. I received a letter of 29th ult. from Rowland which at Augusta quite a family picture. He says you look worn – Chauncey he says is inclined to be afraid of Uncle Rowland. He gives a him a so far very quiet characteristic. Mary, Yourself & Cousin Sarah are going to Sunday. After he got to Harrisonburg he wrote letters, and the letter actually got here in 4 days. I think your last letter must have been captured – the rebels now & then pick up a train of cars in our rear. Capt. Simson wrote he was improving at Cumland Mrs'd home from him since Mon 1st inst. Capt. Gilbertie is well & happy, able to

sustain his life with strength and manifest pleasure. Young Dr Hand is his companion in this refreshment. We are now located in the woods — have much been thankful for peace to the children. I hope you will be benefited by the change did you good. You must try let your forehead get worsted. May our Kind Heavenly Father have us all in his holy keeping. Your loving husband

Otis

PS. Francis has gone home — and carries some money to send to you — I am glad you gave Rowland the 100 dollars for W-Soc. but don't know how you could spare it having received no letter from us of late —

Portland July 15 1864

Dear Niece

I recvd your letter last Evening - and to day I have been looking in the Stock Market to see what could be done in buying or selling 7-30 Treasury Notes it is difficult to find any now for Sale - and we cannot get any of the 6-20 Bonds for less amt than $500 - but I can get you one of the -10- 40 Bonds of 500 and pay the balance in paper money - and can get a premium on your Treasury Notes of 3 p or 4 p Cent together with the interest - which probably is a good investment -

if you send your Notes with your Orders I will attend to it with pleasure. - Your Affectionate

Uncle - E Waite

P. S.

Edward F is now at home on Furlough with a Gun Shot wound through the left Shoulder hope you will soon have good news from your Husband —

E M —

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Maxwell Woodhull.
Maj: & A.A.G. U.S.A.
Washington, July 16, 1864

Private

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Washington July 16th 1864

My Dear General

My desire for active service, must be my excuse for applying to you for your influence & assistance.

I have just been appointed an Ast Adj Gnl of Vols. with the rank of Major, and am of course anxious to go to the field. I would prefer, had I my choice, an assignment to the Army of the West.

I can not expect, so late in the Campaign, to be ordered to the

staff of a General Commdg a Division, as he of course has filled re-thy any vacancy that may have existed. But, on the application of some General Comdg an Army or an Army Corps, I could be assigned as assistant to his adjutant-

Will you be kind enough to obtain for me such an assignment? I have had as good three months office work, and now want to participate in some of the glorious active war-

If you are acting as Asst adjt Genl Thomas, I should esteem it a great favor to be assigned to duty in your office-

Hoping at least to hear from you

I am General

Very Respectfully & truly Yours

Maxwell Woodhull

Brig Genl G W Whipple

USA

Head Quarters 1st Cav.
July 16th 1864
Across Chart's near Powers ferry

Dear ...

I just received a letter from you dated July 1st, mailed in Boston on the 4th. Rowland's letter came through in 4 days whereas yours has been 16 days. He is the one containing Mrs Merrill's note & the picture of her charming little boy. I will do as you ask not return this picture as I have no means of preserving it. I wonder if Chaney could not be caught in picture and transferred to canvas. I will write Mrs Merrill a note thanking her for her thoughtfulness. I wish I was as fine a Christian as she thinks I am. We are still in the same camp as when I last wrote. Gen. Schofield often visits me & dines. He has proven himself a very fine officer - good to manage men and of excellent judgment in other military matters

I believe I wrote you about meeting Mrs Schofield at Rancocas, but I don't think I wrote about her two boys which I often wonder met in the cars. They are just as wild and restless as their grandfather ever was or their uncles Bill and Ned. Bill is here, rather a very gallant officer now on Schofield's staff. Ned is at Annapolis at the Naval Academy – Mrs Schofield, Mrs Gen. Stanley & Mrs Rosencrans are at 'Yellow Springs' not far from Cincinnatti Ohio. Did you take a trip to Boston for the 4th of July? Do you remember when you and I went before we were married to Boston – I have a dim recollection of the place – of Cohasset, a tall trooper who was going into service on the frontier, but the rest is like a dream. I could tell what I did with you, think I must have left you there. You will laugh at me – such is the foolishness of my memory of much of the past. Events & places often recall what seemed to be forgotten. I hope the children are

spending a week time at least with
Grandma. Now the question is where
my grandma need be in Hallowell
and if even the joy of my life is to be
allowed to make her a visit. We have
to look ahead in order to realize what delights
a child. The children are hardly able
to appreciate that we dearly think are so
all, unless we participate in their
enjoyments. Everything progresses with
us in a satisfactory manner. Drays are
necessarily crowded in the supply Paramount
of large bodies of men. The roads in Maryland
& Pennsylvania are exciting quite a fever
of excitement. Daily they dell heavily
move around; and the effect will be to
stimulate enlistments. We must put
forth all our efforts now. Franklin Pillsbury
has gone home & from he is quite ill but
think the northern air will bring him up.
We look some of my pay for you &
you will probably get it before this
reaches. I hope you have received over

Give love of Jennie and Chauncey to Isabella for their home and kitchen a visit.
Though I know it is hard for you to rest in warm weather. The climate would not suit you. The sun gets rightly over your head at Simon at your little great heady. But this does not plague me so bad as the insects which never cease to bite me. They are so small I cannot see them, but they leave their marks. I bathed last night in salted water and am more comfortable from it. Edwards is quite well. So is Capt. Gilbert. We got a letter from Simon last night and think he is doing well.
Give much love to Jennie Chauncey & yourself & Mary Kisses. I hope Isabella gets good news from her brother. I have that Lieut. Howard is badly wounded and at Phila. Give my kind regards to Isabella & Sam. Write Please & all will tell Julia & give her my kind remembrance. Kiss the children for me. Write often. Hoping this finds you in safety my little housekeeper

Lovingly Otis

Augusta. July 17th 1864.

Dearest

I had rather write you this morning than to read. Chaney is asleep in his cradle near me. We are alone in the house. The bells have just finished ringing for church. Julia and her children have gone to church and Sunday School also. I have not been well all the week - neither has Chaney - night before last he was quite sick - last night he did not vomit any, and I think we both are better this morning. You have heard before this of the loss of our meeting house. It was struck by lightning during a terrific storm monday night last. It burnt very rapidly - the Communion service, organ, chairs, and a few other things were saved. Mr McKenzie is away and was at the time of the fire. Mr Oliver Means of Roxbury preached a very comforting funeral sermon in the house last Sunday morning. His brother William Means had lost this beautiful little daughter eight years old the preceding week. We are to have services in the vestry after

today. They are beginning to think about a new edifice and I suppose it must be begun by contributions - there was but five thousand insurance. What will you think best to give? I have received your letters written June 28th and 30th. I sent the former to Guy with prayers that the words written might not be lost on him. Chaney is about waking. Evening. I told you we were alone and you may wonder where Jamie is. I let Isabella take him home yesterday she wrote me yesterday saying he is in very happy. She asked him if he wanted to go home he answered "No, Mamma said I might stay three hours." I fear he will want to stay all the time with Grandma after he has been over there. I have some anxiety about him because the Diphteria is in the neighborhood. I received a letter from Grace the first of last week. Guy I suppose is at Farmington. They are all very happy and enjoying their visit. Monday Morning. I will close my letters and send to the P.O. We are quite well but Chaney is so cross. It is Mamma all the time. He can walk now quites well. We are having a very warm Summer. I wish you were here this beautiful morning I should like to take a drive. Chaney enjoyed the ride to Leeds. He can ride "Dandy." I am sorry if Frank Gilman is to remain at home on your account. I received the money from him have invested 500. in 5/20 bonds. and the rest is on deposit till I change the 7/30 treasury bonds then will put both together and invest what I shall not want to keep on deposit. I must write to Uncle Edwin this morning his son is home wounded "gun shot wound through the shoulder". I never write half I want to before I have to leave. Now Chaney's awake then the letters must go. I have now written to Uncle - Chaney is asleep and Lizzie Morton Grace's friend is going to stay with him while I go down street. to the Bank &c. Love to Charlie

Your own Lizzie

Hd. Qrs. 3rd Brig. 1st Div. 18th Corps
"In front of Petersburgh Va
July 19th 64
[1864]

Dear Genl:

I have been intending to write to you for some time, and as I sit in my tent to day, sheltered from the rain, my memory goes back, to those pleasant evenings we used to spend together at West Point. Oh me, you told us that the world was different from what we then (in our ignorance) imagined. Many who used to meet with us have gone, and those who are here, have changed. I am so glad to hear of your reputation, for I know, that you are fighting as a "Christian Soldier" so I have tried to do, and in all my successes, I attribute them

to him who takes care of us all. Poor Terrill was another Christian, who has gone. How many more of us, will go before this war is over, God only knows. You are doing finely out West, you go on the principle of doing the greatest amount of damage to the enemy, with the least to yourselves. We can lose more men in one day, than you have lost altogether, I am sorry such is the case. In one charge at Lost mony brigade 400 men I hardly know, what our next step may be. I fear Lee, who is strong in his works may reinforce Johnston. At times I think I am unfortunate in not getting promoted, and then again I feel I have a great deal to

Hd. Qrs. Dept. of Va. & N. C.
July 9th 64

"From every report, from every source, I have heard the highest encomiums, upon Colonel Henry. Personal interviews have confirmed these reports. I most cordially recommend his promotion for gallant services". signed B. F. Butler,
Major Genl. Comdg

Hd. Qrs. 18th Army Corps Va
July 6th 64

"I can not too strongly recommend to the notice of the authorities, the case of Col. Henry, who has shown during this campaign, coolness, skill energy, and intelligence, and promotion is asked for him, as much for the interest of the service, as to recompense him for meritorious acts.
signed Wm. F. Smith,
Major Genl. Comdg

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be thankful for. My record is good, and in several "Official reports" I have been particularly mentioned. But the one essential "political influence" I have not got scarcely knowing a civilian. The only two direct applications for my promotion that I am aware of were made by Gen.ls Butler and Smith, who sent me their endorsements. Wish you were with us here but still you have plenty to do where you are. I must now close my letter. Believe me

Truly Yr friend
Geo. V. Henry
Col 40th Mass,
Comdg 3rd Brig. 1st Div. 18th Corps.

P.S. I enclose the two endorsements supposing you may take some interest in them. Geo.

G. V. Henry, Col.
40th Mass.
July 19th 1864.

Portland July 21 1864

Mrs Howard
Dear Niece

Enclosed is a 10-40 U. S Bond for $500 interest due 1st Sept on which they have reckoned the interest to yesterday 20th, and the Gold premium 1.60 - cent 25 37

Bond 500

525 37

four 7-30 Notes 400
interest & premium to July 20th 31-20 431 20

Balance — $94 17

at the present price of Gold you will be Entitled to $32-50/100 interest on this Bond
I could get the 1st of Sept you a 5-20 Bond exclusive of interest at 4½ per cent premium - Say for 522 50/100
I will cheerfully attend to your Orders —

Your Affectionate Uncle
E Waite

P. S.—

I see by the Papers to day that the Treasurer is about to issue some more 7-30 Treasury Notes— perhaps it would be well to wait and see if some of those Notes can be had without paying too high a premium— E. M.

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Leeds Maine july 21 1884

Dear mother

I am at Grandmothers and I have helped David get in three or four loads of hay. I have been all round. I have been to uncle Rowlands and I have been to uncle ensigns and to bath. I lost my pocket-book at mister Abbott school gymnastics. Will you send me some monney and stamps and will you send me some paper and envelopes. I had to borrow a stamp of Horis.

from your son
Guy Howard

Antie ella sends her love to you. Dadie is here to

Wells River Vt.
July 27th 1864

My dear Emma!

This is a beautiful little village nestled among the hills on the banks of the Connecticut. Hospitable care of an excellent friend with whom we come to visit with a brother of mine immediately from Norwich.

The relaxation is so good and that I can hardly describe it.

The subject — the Burnam — however I can not get away from — have spoken twice, as well as conferred with many of our most eminent men of the Com-

menement of the college.

The great public are with you heart & hand.

Enclose a slip from the Boston Advertiser of Saturday.

Information in regard to the Burton is greatly needed.

Hope you are taking the work easy & that the Dirt! is not troubling you.

You must take sufficient time in your absence to have a little leisure.

Today we ride to the White mountains.

My plans are fixed to meet you, as agreed at Boston.

Very truly
Your obdt servt
John Eaton Jr.

Headquarters Fourth Army Cor
Department of the Cumberland.

Near Atlanta Ga. (2 miles) 23d July 1864.

Dear ___ -

We were all much sad yesterday by the death of poor McPherson - so young, so noble, so promising, already commanding a department. You saw him at Waterford. Some of his command was taken by surprise - the rebels had made a wide circuit round his left flank - leaving abandoned all their works in the night before. The rebels close up to Atlanta - When the action began he went back to see about protecting his flank and was shot through the bowels & instantly killed: his body was

brought to Gen. Sherman and the Gov. just before I saw them – but I did not see him. The rebel empire through my producing any irreparable disaster was bad enough. They got from Mr. Sherman quite a narration of Genus – I feel very bad about the news from Franklin & fear I shall not see Lizzie again. We can now settle between sides of Atlanta and the matter will soon be decided – Hood was a classmate of Mr Sherman – he is a stupid fellow but a hard fighter – does very unexpected things – I do hope the children and yourself keep well – Mind take care of yourself & your own dear self –

Good bye

Affectionately – Olly

P.S. Chas. sends his love –

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Farmington July 14th/84

Sun. Morn.

Dear sister Lizzie.

I shall expect you Thursday of this week, without fail. And shall moreover be delighted to see you. I hope Julia will have a good influence over Alice, while she is here. I wish you would give her a few hints on this subject, without letting her know I have mentioned it. Alice is an excellent girl — the best I ever had, without any exception, except her unfortunate disposition, and an idea she seems to be getting lately, of having her own way. Perhaps Julia's advice may do her some good in these respects, if Alice dont know that I have any hand

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[illegible] not, lest she might let it slip inadvertently -
I was at Lunds last week - had a very good visit - Col. Gilmore was more feeble than I expected to find him - I fear he is not much longer for this world - Your children were well, and seemed very happy - Gracie took care of Fadie, in their plays, as well as I could - She is a dear little girl -
I will not prolong my letter, but shall be glad to see you Thursday - Perhaps you will make a longer visit after you get home -

Yours with love.

Ella -

I hope you will plan to stay longer than Sat. if possible - Be sure & bring your last letter - I will be at the Depot Thurs. night -

Rowland

Clara Davis & Sam. Merrick are here, boarding at Mrs Lucie's & staying with Sarah most of the time - She is engaged to Edw. Abbott, Mr Jacob Abbotts young est son -

have to get someone to run this machine faster than I can. Before everything that ought to be done can be. Julia is just as kind and willing as she can be. Chaney loves her very much. I cannot say I am sorry I have them I can get along with every thing. but clothing there. They wear out their clothes fast and do not know, too, to take care or mend. Julia does better in many thing, than when she first came. I dont mind the expense. but the time spent in eating and making. I am on the whole better off with her just now than without her. I have not heard the news today but it is from Gen. Sherman. Julia came home and said it was "from Gen Sherman to Gen Howard or from Gen Howard to Gen Sherman." and that is all she could remember besides "that the rebels have not evacuated Atlanta but that there is a battle there now!" So you see. Dearest. I am in a state of anxiety tonight. I presume dispatches came this morning. Capt. Stinson is not coming home, "is going to the front" he writes his mother. When this war is over and you at home, if this is ever to be. I know I shall be happy and thankful. Give love to Charlie

Your own
Lizzie

Augusta July 24th 1864.

Dearest.

I have received two letters from you since I wrote - dated July 12th and 16th. You had crossed the Chattahoochee and was at Nancy's Creek. Your last letter came through in eight days. - most to the last in nine days. I would like to know where you are this morning. I fear I have not written you since last Sunday morning just one week ago this hour. I sent Julia and her children to church & I stay with Chaney. We have only Sunday School in the city. I realize more and more what a loss the old church is to this place. & I fear the people dont feel generous about this time. I met Mr Gilbreth a few days ago on the street he said he had been writing that I was away. I suppose he thought I was intending to remain with the children. I dont know but I may go to Farmington this week. Col. Gilmore went yes-

here yesterday morning - spent one night here, came to consult Dr Hill. He went to see him and when he came back he told me that the Dr thinks he has a cancerous trouble - could do nothing for him - gave him a little medicine - told him to eat light food - that the passage would finally close up. He seems very feeble indeed, and so very thin. When Chary sees a picture of an old gentleman now he calls it "grand-pa" he speaks it differently from "Parson" although he cannot speak it distinctly. He enjoys walking very much. Guy, Grace, Jamie and Isabella were all at Mothers last Friday when Col. Gilmore came away. Guy has been to Farmington and to Bath he writes me. They are having a good time I know. I begin to want to see them. Guy has three more weeks before School begins. I dont think he will want to come back till the very last day of Vacation. I shall take Jamie on my way to Farmington if I go, and let Isabella have a rest without him. I dont think I have told you that Joseph was killed instantly, and not a prisoner. Isabella's brother Clark is home on a visit. Julia was glad to hear from Sam, Mark and Ann. Julia wants to tell Sam that "she and the children are well, and doing as well as heart can wish - Remember her to Mark and Ann. She would like to know if he has ever heard from her Mother. She goes to meeting whenever she likes and enjoys it. says whenever he gets to Sister Emeline to tell her to come North". My letter has been lying on my desk all day, and it is now six o'clock and the bells are ringing for the evening service. Charey is working about the library with an envelope off one of your letters. He is a very social little fellow. wants "mamma" to enjoy everything he has. We are having very warm weather and it's very dry indeed. We are constantly hearing of fires. As I look out now I can hardly see "Sandy Hill" for the smoke that comes from the woods four miles from here - in the vicinity of Mr Jeques house. I have just read your last letter & do not know how my letter got mailed in Boston. I gave a letter to Mr Wells, junior, as he was going to the Depot one morning. I was too late to take it to the P. Office, and moreover he was just starting for Boston. Now I would like to send you Charey's picture, but you will

the fourth Corps to report to me. So is Osborne & Capt. Beebe - the latter is Jennie Bray's cousin. He is a beautiful young man - a worthy, brave, Christian gentleman. Wheaton broke off the correspondence with Jennie, but I perceive he thinks a great deal about her still. She wrote me about Beebe and I was glad to have him. He was on the staff of Gen. Hazen. His health is not very good. We have now little more extension accomodations than I did have in the Fourth Corps - I wish you could look in upon our present camp. Hangings in a row with a board made awning along the front, made of boughs, but the weather is too warm for you? And the enemy's guns too near. Much love to all the children - May God bless & preserve you all - lovingly - Your husband

Otis -

Head Quarters Army Department of the Tennessee July 29th 1864

Dearest -

You will see by the papers that I have been assigned to the command of this Department and Army. It is indeed a very high compliment to me as I am junior to Generals Hooker & Slocum but as matter of fact, it is an assignment to new duties & new responsibilities. The first day the 27th I received the army in motion from our extreme left & was obliged to displace the enemy & put it in position on the extreme right. We did not have time to get into position we sought, so that early yesterday morning the movement was continued. We had hardly got into position before the enemy attacked me all along Gen. Logan's Corps (15th) and a little beyond the flank. They threw quite large masses, probably 30 places

the enemy was repulsed at every point & I swept over the plank every inch of the ground recovered. I was about 200 yards in rear of the center and I assure you for four hours the engagement was terrific. On one point and another & sometimes all along there was a continuous volley of musketry from 11½ a.m. till 3½ P.M. - Our men had fought connected themselves with veils & old boys. Hastily thrown together. We lost about six hundred in killed wounded & missing, but the dead lay in great numbers in our front. All night the enemy's ambulances were carrying off their wounded. Poor fellows they were rushed into the fight without mercy. They lost a thousand when we lost a hundred. My first engagement in command of the army of the Tennessee has proven a success. I take this place of a commander very much beloved & very accomplished. It remains to be seen whether I shall be able to fill his place. I read a letter from you three days since written while you were alone with Chauncy. Jamie was certainly entitled to his "three hours" at Isabella's. Father seems to be very unwell. I hope Dr. Wiggin is wrong this time and that there is no cancer. The children will all be at home probably when this reaches you. My Lucy must have been much respected at Grandma's. I hope they are very well and that now they will have perfect lessons. I am sorry about the church. Give first 300 dolls. and increase it 200 more if great difficulty is found in raising enough. It is pretty warm weather here. Capt. Stinson has got back, came yesterday. I shall have him keep a journal till he gets strong enough for hard travels. He says he is well, but he is a shade or two whiter than his fellow soldiers. Charles is detailed from

way to Georgia, & after hiding some weeks, & walking seventy or eighty miles, was recaptured, & is now at Macon.

We mourn the loss of McPherson. Gen. Grant is said to have wept like a child (or rather like a man) when his death was announced.

The papers today state that you are to take McPherson's place. If so, may help be given you from above to do well the work of such a responsible position.

Mrs. Howard with Jamie & the baby call on us Thursday on her way to Farmington. She is looking well & the children are as fat and happy as need be. I was very glad to hear from her that Stinson is nearly well and about to rejoin you.

Please give my kind remembrances to him.

My regards also to Blanche & tell him that I thank him for his kind remembrance of me.

Brunswick July 30. 64

My dear General

A lull in my busy, busy work of preparation for Commencement, gives me time to answer your last very welcome, & very interesting letter. You need not be told that I have kept my Eye upon the Army of the Cumberland, as well as upon that of the Potomac. Your work has been as important, & as grand as that in Va. & now it seems likely to be crowned with Earlier success. I do not see how you can do any more after the Capture of Atlanta, for some weeks to come at least. For the Army must be very much in need of rest.

The state of public opinion at home is still good. The people are hopeful and firm. The new Call for 500 000 men is well received, & a large number of recruits will be obtained without a draft. As many as possible will be enlisted in the disloyal States, & that will leave at home a few of the laborers needed to raise & manufacture supplies for the Army & keep the Government in funds. Fessenden's appointment to the Treasury department very quickly allayed the panic which Mr. Chase's resignation created; & the new Secretary has already made a good impression. We all feel the war now, & I rejoice in that. It may be necessary that we feel it more deeply yet. But I have strong faith that God means it all for good & not for Evil.

It seems a long time since I laid aside the weapons of war. The year has been one of steady confining & rather wearing work. The term will close next week, & we send out a small class (about 30) to do good or Evil in the world. Some of them will go at once into the Army.

Gen. Chamberlain is slowly improving, & his case is now regarded as very hopeful; but he will not be able to leave the Hospital for several weeks.

Wm Smyth, prisoner, escaped from the Cars while on the

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My Dear Sir.

I have no small pleasure in congratulating you upon your appointment to the command of the Department of the Tennessee - and trust that in your new relations to our noble soldiers and officers in the army of the West that the same Divine help which has hitherto gone with you will still be present in all your arrangements and doings.

It is with much regret that I have omitted sending you copies of your address before the Commission at its Anniversary in January last - an occasion which I shall never forget. I send them now with the expression of my remissness in not sending them before and with the earnest hope that your soldiers will find in them something to remember and love - if they can be made to remember you any better than they do. Enclosed please find invoice.

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Phila. July 20th. 1864

Protector: Mrs Stinson has had a letter from Harry - I suppose he is with you before this. I shall not know how to direct letters - shall send to the fourth "4th Corps" until you tell me. I left this letter unfinished to look for an envelope and as I could not find any I left this letter and wrote to Ella as I found an envelope already addressed to her. I got a letter from you today dated the 20th June. wonder where it has been all this time. Jamie has been sick since he came home - vomiting as he was before we went to Farmington last summer he has been playing with his "jacks straws" today has not had them before for some time. he has been amusing himself now with a chair and his reins. but Chaney will "trouble Jamie", and he wants me to put him to sleep. I should not have thought to write about him but he came from my room to this table and resting his head on his hand (he has had no sleep this afternoon) and said "I guess papa will bring Jamie a little cedar chair after he comes home". I have given Jamie a book to show Chaney the pictures, and they are seated on the floor, both engaged and naming the pictures. I will finish

Dearest Jamie

Nearly the time now. Jamie wants to go to see Grandma again. "he has not much appetite. Chaney is a fine, fat, & quite well boy. I stay in farming cor. original. My stay to-day but a rainy day. It is glad to see the rain. Your last news from Charlie. I wrote to write a letter was probably a message to you in a letter written to Capt Gilbreth last Thursday by his father. I was preparing to go to Farmington when they called. I took Jamie, Chaney and Julia and went by the train last Thursday. I called at Prof Whittlesey's saw him but Mrs W had dinner to Harpswell to dine with some friends and I did not see her. I then drove to Mrs Sands, found Alice at home but Nellen had just gone with her baby two months old, to join her husband at St. Johns - going to Liverpool. We went on from Brunswick at half past two, and when we got to Lew. found Grandpa and Grace. I took her into the car to see Jamie and Chaney and put her out the other end of the car. Giving Mrs Guys doll that had been lost under a neighboring

Augusta, July 23 1861

Dear Charlie. I wrote called among you from my letter. I was a gentleman in the parlor, and I was surprised find Uncle Edward. This morning. I came home yesterday wants this prelaugh 4 (Tuesday) - shot thought the left shoulder - 53 the wound heals in front outside. Grace is home with the children.

Jamie has had a good time this evening. James as cries

wood-pile all summer. and a set of dishes too for Grace. I did not see anyone Saturday when we came back. Rowland met us at the Depot at Farmington with Mr Butler's horse and carriage take us all over together. Julia and Alice were delighted to see each other. Alice likes "the family" very much but dont want to stay in Farmington alone. Julia dont want her to come to Augusta. She dont like her Alice saying that she wishes she was back in Penn. Miss Clara Davis is spending the summer in Farmington with little Dan Merrick. She is now engaged to Jacob Abbott's youngest son. I heard from Blanche and quite a number of friends through her. I liked her - she called to see me with Aunt Julia on Friday evening. I went with Rowland, Ella, and the three children to Milton to see Mrs Woodman. She is looking quite well, fear she does not go out enough for her own good. She has a fine healthy looking boy - looks a little like his father - dark blue eyes - dark hair. Sarah Sargent with little Otis came up after tea Friday - the evening was passed alone with Ella. Rowland held a prayer meeting near the Depot. I soon had the pleasure of reading Charlie's long affectionate letter to Ella. I hope he wont object. dated the 17th inst day after your's last one. I have been congratulated on your promotion by Mr Eaton on the train when the news first came. (in the Lewiston Journal) then Mr Blaine at Brunswick (on his way to Hallowell) wife and children were already there. Gov. Coburn in the cars for Augusta. and Gov Morrill while seated in the carriage outside the Depot. I asked the latter if you would remain in the field the same - all seem to think you will "may be with Hd. qrs at Chattanooga" I wrote the above yesterday and it is now Monday Evening nine o'clock. I received your letter dated the 23d today - written the day after Gen. McPherson was shot, he is a great loss. I read a letter today written by a gentleman in Nashville. Mr. Albert Hill, Mrs Bosworth's brother, written at the time of of the funeral services, giving an account of the procession, he wrote with tearful eyes - a very touching account. And now before this letter reaches you, you will have taken his place. May God still be your kind

I have not been away from Charity at all.