Lamington Jan 1. 1863.
1865

Dear Br: Otis

I wish you a Happy New Year & Ella who sits behind me joins in the same most heartily = ~~joins~~. It has been our Communion Sab: and we have had a very good New Year day - This A.M. I preached on "Joy in the Holy Ghost" & this P. M. on "They gave him wine mingled with myrrh, but he accepted it not". deducing the principle that we are not to accept the stupifying cheats that the world offers us in our trials but drink the cup our Father hand offers & prepares - knowing that all things will work together for our good at last - I have just returned from our Evening Concert of prayer for the Conversion of the

This is the "week of prayer" you will be able to observe in Semiquincentennial Week.

noted. I have now the Abbott School of 60. & some 25. Students of the Normal School in my meeting & these are an interesting class of young persons. We congratulate you on the taking of Savannah & sympathize in your disappointment at the loss of Hardee & Army. We need give something to know what you will do next. We fear a concentration that will outnumber you if you march overland & do not embark. But God will direct. Over 300,000 more are in danger of being Conscripts & Substitutes to too large an extent. Nothing much short of a Miracle can save me from a draft this time. but I don't mind any. if God thinks I can serve my country better some where else, He will send me. Ella Sadie & I made a little visit to Leeds on Friday & found Mother. Lizzie & family all quite well. They were without a girl & poor Lizzie was at work about house. but Ella thinks she prefers even that to the wear & tear of housekeeping in Augusta with such girls as she has had. It is almost impossible to get a girl for Mother that will stay "for love or money". Mother is peculiar & spoils her girls by talking to them & "paying them attentions" and she is too old to change. Especially in her own home. Colored girls don't seem to suit us Yankees very well. Alice has a good place at Bath which I hope she will be able to retain. Julia is enjoying wedded bliss in Augusta. Chauncy is a sweet little fellow. So fat

quiet & good tempered that
everybody loves him = He says
but few words but seems glad
to see Uncle Rowland = "J." is
the same as usual - He & Ga-
Dadie & Greg had a fine
in the South Chamber & kept
that for a play house & had
good noisy times there = Your lit-
tle gone more & more lovely
in character - Her trials have
been a blessing - Mother think
she must sell the place. I
believe, as that she cannot
get on there alone - Uncle
Ensign is anxious to have
you buy our old place = If
you were rich enough "to keep
it in the name" & to buy it
for nothing else, I would favor
it = Mr Lane is from Provo & I
believe & Cousin Theopha & Hen-
husband wishes to purchase
it = We are in hopes to
see Charles - if not you; &
talk over these things before
long - Tell Charles, I received
his letter of the 17th, and
took it to Lewis for the rest
to read & Mother has sent
me here = I don't see what
has become of our letters sent
to Nashville = The failure at
Wilmington will encourage
the Rebels again for a while,
I suppose = We have had
one week of the very coldest
weather - with snow piled in
awful heaps - but last week
was mild & rainy = I send
off $0 to-day to the Am. Board
for it was included 10% for
Charles = Don't forget our great
Religious & Benevolent Societies =
Help us what you can occa-
sionally that we may go
thro' the war - keeping up
our Christian outposts in

Wicks - Ca - Willie is at Lea with a teaff Worker & David Bitten
Am Chinese =

heathen lands = I mean to spend a 10th this year in Benevolence & to be systematic about it = If I am not, the "world, the flesh & the Devil" get the first appropriations & Christ gets none!

Some times, I have feared that my patriotism was getting uppermost of my Christianity = but I try to feel that what I do for Country, I do for X. since such precious interests of his Kingdom seem bound up in our land = Daniel has been to church today & behaved very well = Frankie Largent boards with us - his mother is visiting in Brooklyn - I saw Uncle Ensign & Laura = they were well & take much pride in their little "Ennie" - Uncle E. is town liquor agent! But I will take too much of your time = Be assured of our love & prayers in your behalf - Rowland

Leeds. Me. Jan 1st 1865

Dearest,

I will begin then New Year by writing a letter to you. A happy New Year to you! May peace come with the New Year, and you home to remain with us. I will be hopeful of the future, and trust we are to be reunited before many long months. You had not learned that we came to Leeds. I hope your letters will soon be directed here. They go to Augusta first now, making them one day longer en route. I suppose it is all for the best that we are here. Shall try to be as cheerful and happy as I can, that others may be around me. I have a great desire to keep well that I may be able to look after and take proper care of the children. I have not heard from Augusta since I left, only once through Deb Turner who said our house looks lonely. If we were only as far away as

Winthrop I could drive down and not call it a journey. I think we want to go much of any where as it is, but be happy at home and glad to see whoever takes the trouble to come to see us. Willie is home as yet. He brought Miss Rosa Dean here to spend a few days, in fact she is to remain until he goes away. They seem very happy together, and as he keeps her mostly to himself I know her very little. He asked me yesterday one question, "How do you like Rosa?" which took me by surprise and I couldn't think of anything to say but that "she seems like a very pleasant girl" when at on he remarked that "she doesnt talk a great deal". We had a delightful visit from Rowland, Ella and David last Friday. They arrived at the house at quarter before eleven and left same day at half past three. Jamie and Dadie had a good time playing horse with Dadie's new reins. Mrs Greble remembered us at Christmas, and sent me a long

letter and Grace a book. She has also a pair of rectangles for you that she has worked. I could not prepare for Christmas before I came here, and therefore Santa Clause did not visit us. (Dellie brought the children books and Rowland sent them presents). I would'nt live in the country all my life if I could have my choice. We started to go to Church today - tipped over getting into the road - Mother, Guy, Jamie and Myself. Nobody hurt, and Mother proposed to go with Guy. I did not dare to trust them but sending the children back got in myself and started. The roads are full of holes. We went as far as Mr F. Sothrops and turned back because we were very late and had to walk the horse and the weather was growing colder. Mother has raked up the fire and gone to bed and I will not sit here alone but finish my letter in the morning if I can send to the Depot. Good Night.

I left my writing last evening and resume it again this evening. Dearest, after all the

children have gone to bed. To night pa bout the
gives you a new command the "Dep't of pleas
Missouri". I hope it is not true or some nts gre
accounts. You would come home befo ome
you took command, that I we should be selling
Give much love to Charlie and tell him as the
his last letter to mother came just a mon
the right time. She had been taken the
in the brick oven, some men had been hor
in to settle for their work on the timber old f
which hindered her somewhat, but Delia rise
was here to do the most of it. I in the swer
mean time had let the children take care Gilm
of themselves (sometimes they would dispute one he
then look cross or cry) so I could masterely e
the dishes, and finish ironing just as must co
was finished and Mother was about to shall so
make the toast for tea, without hav It is quit
had time to take a rest Charlie's lett proving
came. I cannot tell you how much may com
it seemed to refresh her She set down to night
and read it aloud to us all. Charlie d my self.
knew he was writing for my pleasure when he sorry is a

ights pa bout the bouquet on your table. It was
e "Dept ry pleasing to Mother indeed. Mother
some puts great confidence in his coming
ne before one before Spring. She often speaks
hould his selling in the Spring. I want her to
tell him as she thinks best. I dont know of but
e just a man who has expressed a wish to
n Patchin the farm Mr Ramsdell - Uncle Ensegins nearest
had neighbor; I dont suppose you will purchase
e timber old farm as none of the family will
t Dellibrise it. I am anxiously waiting your
in the swer to Uncle Ensign. You would miss
take Capt. Gilmore very much indeed were you to
dispute one here this Winter. His vacant chair looks
ld mournfully even. sometimes it seems as if he
t as must come in. and at other times that I
f he shall soon hear his voice in the dining room
hair It is quite sickly in town the diptheria is
little proving quite fatal among children. Our turn
may come, we know not. I had to punish Jamie
down to-night. I would have as soon have been punished
lie down myself. He is the very essence of mischief. He is always
en he says as soon as he hurts Chaney but he cant let him

alone. Wednesday Jan 10th I find this unfinished letter in my port-folio and do not know why I have not sent it. I have written another letter, on the 8th and will enclose all I can send you. Charlie's arrival was in the Boston Journal the day he was here last night. Portland will be here on his way for Portland. Charcy is crying and the man is waiting for these letters. Love to you all

Lizzie

C.J.C.

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St. Louis, Mo, January 6. 1865

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Comndg. Army and Dept. of the Tenn.

Genl:

Having been dismissed of the service of the United States by sentence of a Court Martial for accepting a challenge to fight a duel" and "for having fought a duel" and being now unable to enter the service again I most respectfully beg of you to grant my application which I will send with this same mail to Genl. Wm. Clark, your Adjt. Genl.

Genl; I served two years and a half in the army of the United States, tried always to do my duty and was shortly after leaving you appointed and commissioned as Major. I was not the cause of the unfortunate duel and tried to avoid it. My opponent himself confessed when before the Court Martial

that

that he had caused the duel and that he had wronged me. He also begged me to excuse him and we are friends now. Gnl. John B. Gray, Adjt. Genl. of Mo. who has the kindness to write a few lines in my behalf will give you the prove that al-though I acted against the articles of war, which I deplore, I hardly could avoid it and that I acted as an officer and a gentleman in the old country has to act.

You know yourself, Gnl. that I have been only a very short time in this country and that I have been educated in an other country, where manners and habits are different.

Gnl, take I my best congratulations for the honor you have gained by gallantly marching through the heart of Rebellione and by taking Savannah. My best wishes for your further success are always with you and I never in all my life will forget the time, when I had the honor to be a member of your staff.

Gnl, hoping you will excu

my writing and wishing you would grant my request, I remain, Genl

Your mst:: obdt:: svt::

M. W. Williams Grebe

My adress is: care of Hermann Meyer.
~~care of~~ United States Savings Institution"
St Louis Mo. corner market & 2nd street

Grebe, Capt –
St Louis Mo. Jan 3. 1865

(1 enclosure)

Headquarters, State of Missouri,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

St. Louis, January 30 1865

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Maj Gen O O Howard
Savannah
General

Captain Grebe 4th Mo Cavalry Volunteers late of your staff has been cashiered for fighting a duel.

It is my impression that there ameliorating circumstances connected with the affair which will show that Grebe was forced into it, and compelled under the ideas of honor to which he had been educated abroad to accept the challenge.

I sincerely hope that if you can do anything for him in procuring a mitigation of his sentence, you will do so.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant

John B Gray
Adjt Genl of Mo.

THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, 6

*Sends this sheet as the Soldier's Messenger to his home.*
*Let it haste to those who wait for tidings.*

General Sherman's Army,

.....Regt.....Div.....Army Corps.

Jan 7, 4th 1865.

Hilton Head
So Carolina

Major Genl. Howard

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I am a delegate of the U. S. Chris. Commission, sent to this Department with instructions to connect myself with Gen Sherman's Army & to follow in its wake.

Please inform me whether I may attach myself to your head quarters in the same capacity in which Mr Lawrence has acted.

There is a Mr Hitchcock who moved like to act in the

relation. We have a sufficiency of stationery & reading matter, pens, pencils, thread &c &c, which we are anxious to bring with us.

Please reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours very respectfully

Thomas S. Dewing.

Ewing, Thos. O.
Christian Comm.

Hilton Head S.C.
Jan. 21st 1865.

Headquarters, Department of the South.

~~Hilton Head~~ Beaufort, S. C., Jan 4th 1864.
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1 A.M.

Gen Howard.

General:

I learn that you are here — Please hurry off the steamers as fast as they are unloaded — I have landed my cargo and go for another — I did not find any landings at Thunderbolt, as you promised — The "crescent", in consequence, could not get off the boats after being loaded, and was thus stuck when I left, with 1200 men on board — I have provided steamers to bring your wagons, teams &c; but it will be absolutely necessary to have two or three landings made

in order to embark them
with anything like the
necessary celerity.

Yours in haste

J. G. Foster
Maj. Genl

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Savannah,
Jany. 4th. 1865.

Dear Sir,

Miss Johnston, of this City, being desirous of an interview with you, I beg leave to introduce her as the Sister of Mrs. Molyneux the Wife (I should rather say, the Widow,) of the late Edmund Molyneux, British Consul at this Port.

I have the honour to be,
Dear Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Arth. T. Barclay

Genl. Howard
Head Quarters
near the Park
Savannah –

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Savannah, Jan. 6th 1865

I have just written by the hand of Mr. Slocum a letter to Charles, but I can never afford to write you by either hand while I have one hand left. I have been really unfortunate having received from you only one letter since arriving on this coast. I really don't feel like writing. I want to go home so much that writing letters is exceedingly unsatisfactory. Don't you think so sissie? I saw Gen. & Mrs Saxton at Port Royal (Beaufort S.C.) Mrs Lee's (R.E.L.) home. Oh, how lovely the place is and how neat I really thought Gen. Saxton's part of Colony. It seems almost like

at Gen. Sherman's the other day and she looked very pleasantly and looked very beautiful as ever. I have heard that she said such bitter things about that she had to be sent beyond the lines and that she had by no means behaved well: so that though I would have you to see Mrs. Lee but she been here I would not then left. Yes she is a good woman & I am mistaken I am really glad of it. I have sent you some money by Charles. Uncle Courtney has written me about our old farm. at Leeds that the Lane will sell at $300. I am willing to buy and have delegated Charles to talk with you about it. I can pay Mr Lane by

a copy made of my last official report sent Genl Halleck for a friend to write home to

sacrilege to allow my rough soldiers to disturb their quiet and order. Where do you think I met on the wharf at Beaufort? It was Whitten and Adams's brother who has transferred his jewelry store from Bangor to that place: he is not very dance now: he inquired for you and the children very affectionately. I had but a moment to see him after we found each other. As I write Charles I shall [two volunteers] go down there again monday and probably begin soon to operate from that quarter. The climate is so delightful here and everything so pleasant that I much wish constantly wishing you were here to share them with me – but there is a good time coming, darling. Hey and Lucie wrote papa real good letters and I mean to get them two finished in reply before the mail goes. As I met Jennie Chaney I think little Ethel down in the street sometimes I bring them in to have a good play with. Mrs Hewson who came from Chicago originally bringing married a southern young gentleman seems to be very quiet to have been but within one times. She is about your age the wife of Lieut. Hewston (Augustus H. you know at Augusta) She sent two little girls Nellie & Daisy in to see me. I had a very good time with them I think. Jennie would like to play with them. Mrs W. W. Smith is here. I have not called to see her and do not think of it. I suddenly met her

a negro band played on some very bright brass instruments. How clean and nice their instruments & their clothing looked! The children were clean & pretty well dressed on the whole every body in Beaufort & near there looked happy. Last evening I visited the hospitals where some of our own poor wounded soldiers were. How glad they all were to see me – I then got a little steamer the "Enoch Drake" and went down river and back to this city. Saw one nate getting in in the morning. Heard a little boy from Boston this morning on board. He had just come from Boston. He & I had a fine time. His father was Capt of the Str. Now good night



Savannah Ga. Jan. 6th 1865

My dear little daughter

I have just finished a letter to your precious Mamma and will now say a word directly to yourself. You scarcely know what a really pleasant place this is. With your home warm & cozy, black fields with the wind whistling through the trees, for here it is warm & sunny. The trees here are many of them always green. One tree is called the live oak. Almost all the streets in Savannah are bordered

Mary Sherman
in which
and Uncle Cha
and Grandma
Aunt Sherman
Cousin Sherman
Cousin Willie

Mary Sherman
Cousin Willie
Which love to all. Write to me, my

with trees on it. The leaves are small, of a dark green color and very numerous — I went down the river (perhaps you can find the Savannah river on the map) I went down it the other day in a steamer with as many troops as the vessel could carry. We went out a little way on the Ocean — this is what the Sailors call "going outside". We kept the land in sight all the time — after starting along for forty miles we turned up into the Beaufort river — On the left hand just as we entered the river we saw "Hilton Head" — We entered the river just after dark — I went to bed and so did the Soldiers coming the decks and stairs and alleys of the steamer. The steamer went on up to Beaufort stopping about 9 O'clock. We slept till daylight and then went on shore. Come to think I met a man on our arrival at night and was challenged by a negro soldier on my way back to the boat, by "who comes there"! The next day I breakfasted with Lieut. Sanborn and then we rode off for ten miles on a beautiful broad straight road — On our right hand we saw neat little huts where the negroes live. The negro men are soldiers mostly and look very nice. When we returned

and the children and Mother enjoy their presents. Lizzie must look out and not lose Jamie and Chancie in the snow banks and I may will have to move very lively to keep jack Frost from biting him. I believe with the hair and the bonnets little girls never do freeze their ears so Gracie can take heart but the boys are in great danger. I have known their ears, noses fingers and even their little toes to ache so hard as to make them cry. I don't sure but I might have cried myself when I was so little that Uncle Jack treated me with disrespect. All well.

Your affectionate brother

Wm

Head Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Savannah Ga. Jan 6th 1865

Dear brother.

As I feel a little tired I will write you by the hand of Gladen. We miss you very much but hope you are having a good time on the journey, at Washington and at home. I have just returned from Port Royal Island at which place I have already concentrated the 17th Corps. I find everything beautiful and orderly there under the command of Gen. Saxton. Could I have anticipated the beauty and appropriateness of

of the place I would have made arrangements when we first arrived for Lizzie and the children to meet me there but I shall probably be far on our journey before she could come in answer to this letter.

I find Mrs. Saxton a very modest and pleasant lady who materially aids her husband in his benevolent labors. I am still at Mr Molyneux's. We have just heard of his death.

I shall leave for Beaufort monday. A letter came for you from Rowland which I opened and will enclose to you as there may be some thing in it you would like to know.

Genl. Sherman gave an entertainment yesterday evening in which were present all the General officers and their staffs, or nearly all, the Admiral, his staff and several naval officers besides. A few ladies graced the entertainment.

I rec^d a letter from Mr. Weld of Boston yesterday. You must see him on your way back as also Frank Gilman and our cousins at Mr. Hazards and give them all my kindest regards.

I shall be glad to know how Lizzie

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Savannah, Geo. Jan 9th 1865

My dear boy

By last night's mail arrived Col. Markland, who has it in charge for the whole army, brought me a nice looking letter from home, directed in the same hand and marked Dec 27th on opening it found it contained two little letters enclosed one from you and one from Annie directed "My dear papa." Your dear papa was very glad to get them and glad to find you & his dear precious children so happy. Your presents were very nice. Papa's coat not yet but

Were many nights she has watched over him and how tenderly, anxiously, she has cared for him. Give love to Grandma. She is papa's mother, who once watched some & cared for him, a little boy with the love. Papa is very glad you are all so well & happy. Dr Duncan says it is a standing order to send his kind regards to Mrs Hancock & the children. Do you remember him. I am hoping you are always a kind, faithful, good boy and that God will keep your heart warm & guide you by his counsel

Your loving father O. O. Howard

Mrs.

by Christmas and he is a little afraid your weight freeze upon the way but the leather part surely will not freeze. Papa hardly has a right to claim the present as it comes from Number of his staff. So Jennie thinks he can write to Grant. I would not wonder if Mr Chauncey Depew would write such notion. Now, when you write you must not begin quite so many words with capital letters. Let me see. A capital should be in every book, chapter, note & sentence also. The names of persons and places. The pronoun I & the interjection O should be capitals. Now must look up the rule in the spelling book. You spell just with an e. Thus: jest. That is the way many people pronounce it, but it is just. Jennie spelt an a for an e in hatchet spelling the word hatchet. But the two letters were very nicely spelt. Jennie must make her letters a little smaller so as to write what is called a lady's hand. We are to have a review of the 15th Army Corps before General Sherman today and then will end the reviews for the present. I wish you & the children could be here to enjoy it. Now must give much love to Mamma. I hope that Guy really loves his mamma. He can never know how much his mother loves him

New York Jany 7, 1865

New York Jany 7th 1865

Major General Howard.
Commander of the Army of Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Charles C. Miller, son of the late Col. Miller of Pennsylvania, who fell in the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ battle of ~~Fair Oaks~~ Fair Oaks, is desirous of obtaining, through your influence, an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Master Miller has been a pupil in Grammar School No 37, in the City of New York, for the last four years, and has during that time advanced, steadily, from class to class, until, at the precocious age of eleven years, we find him fully prepared for admission to the "Peoples' College" – our own Free Academy.

His habits are all good, and his attendance to business, and the various duties assigned him are exemplary in the highest degree: so much so, that I am confident, if appointed to the position he solicits, he will prove himself deserving of your patronage and distinguished consideration.

With the best wishes for your personal welfare and the success of the

great enterprise in which you are engaged.
I remain, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.
H. Joyce
Principal Grammar School
No 5.

Leeds. Me. Jan. 8th 1865.

Dearest

I do not write to you very often, the days are so short and I can keep employed ~~as the~~ usefully all the time and not do anything for you or other friends. We have had no girl but now Mother has succeeded in getting one. We did not get our mail yesterday but called on our way home from church for it. We learn by one of the papers that Charlie passed through Washington last Friday so we are looking for him here any day now. I wish you were. I mean I should wish you were coming too if it was not so cold here. I do think the country is much colder than the towns in the same climate. There is precious little comfort going to far to church - like the services when we get there as well as we can under the circumstances. So cold when you get there that you can think of nothing but how to get warm for a long time, and when

you get home tired, ~~and~~ cold and hungry, find the children impatient - wanting their dinner and all out of sorts generally. Now dont you think I have nearly as important a command as you? I dont always keep cheerful and patient as you. The children will get to chide but a very few times this winter I dont believe you have ever received the letter Uncle Ensign wrote you about the old farm. I have been trying to come to some conclusion as to what you will do about taking purchasing it. Rowland has written against it, and Mother has lost apparently all interest in the farm and neighborhood. I cant think you would ever intend to live here and I know we have not money enough to buy that at the present price and a pleasant home besides. I have no doubt you will do what is best about it. With love from Grace Jamie and the rest I close

Your ow Lizzie.

Bowdoin College
Brunswick, Me. Jan. 9. 65.

Bowd. Col. Brunswick Jany 9th
1865

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir, My son, Lieut Wm. H. Smyth of the 15th U. S. Infy. has at length been paroled after a confinement of nearly fifteen months in the Libby, Macon, Charleston and Columbia prisons. He has had the usual experience of great privation and suffering at the hands of the Rebel authorities. He returns, however, as I trust, with constitution unimpaired, and will soon be ready for active service again, upon which he is desirous to enter with the least practicable delay. He still retains an earnest desire for a place on your Staff. I can, with greater confidence than I made the application before, recommend him for that or any similar situation. In the campaign under Rosecrans to the battle of Chattanooga, in which, through the blundering of the Officer in command of his Brigade, he was unfortunately taken a prisoner, he acquired a distinguished reputation for bravery, efficiency, and all the qualities of a good soldier. Those best acquainted with him, and competent judges in the case, are, I believe, unanimously of the opinion that he is abundantly qualified for, and is deserving of some higher position than the mere command of a company, the position which he held in the battle of Chattanooga, and to which by the changes in his Regiment, it is probable he is now permanently advanced. I think, my dear Sir, you would

fend him a young man after your own heart, modest, brave, and efficient in the discharge of duty. His Major, one of the best officers of his grade, who fell by his side in the bloody conflict at Chattanooga, placed the greatest reliance upon him in every emergency.

It is a sore trial to my son that he has lost the opportunity of your recent brilliant campaign, and I am the more desirous on that account to secure for him the desired situation on your staff, or some similar position; and I shall be very grateful for any assistance you may be able, and deem it proper to render him.

You made an application, I think for him, before your transfer from the Army of the Potomac, which failed to be granted. In the change of circumstances I think I could now secure the success of the application. My son's regiment is still in Thomas' Corps, and at last advices was at Look-out Mountain.

I may seem, my dear Sir, to have spoken somewhat strongly of my own son. I should not have done so, except upon testimony spontaneously furnished me, so complete as to leave no doubt on the subject. You may be pleased to know that I have now three sons in the service of the country—all of my boys of age for military duty, with the exception of Egbert, who has put in the field a good and faithful substitute. I have observed with the greatest interest your own invaluable services, and pray that you may be preserved unharmed to the end of this wicked rebellion which your gallant army has recently given so staggering a blow.

Most truly and respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm Sturgis.

always come to my house, going or coming, by night or day.

Boston. Jany 9. 1865.

Dear Genl.

Next best to seeing you, is seeing your Brother, the Colonel. Charlie reached my chh about 1/4 before 11 Sunday morning — reached the city about 8 in the morning — left the pony at Newport on the Steamer — Pony comes along to-day at 11 o-k, & is to be forwarded to-night if possible.

The Col. goes to-day, or to-morrow at farthest, he says: took a little cold on the Steamer, is otherwise well.

We are glad and to hear all about you: you history-makers: & to have a

host of questions ans^d
what a campaign - what
a success. How favored
by God in your March. How
nobly Genl. Howard did Sav^nah!

But now Genl. hear
fool - a fool in military mat-
ters - dont let success
make you sentimental,
rash, or reckless. You have
done one thing new under
the sun, dont be too sure
that you can repeat it.
When Napoleon started on
his Northern Capaign, he con-
sulted the records of 40 years
& found that the cold weather
had been ~~but~~ such in all
that time but once as
to defeat his Campaign.
But the cold killed him
the snows covered his stiffened
dead.

In moving north.
You must encounter terrible
rains — your March thro' Geo.
was remarkable in this respect
— free from rains — Lee is de-
tatching forces & sending
them South, it is said,
— has recalled everything
from the Shenandoah —
the rains, the hostile forces,
the distance from a base,
— troops worn out with marching
& fighting, animals ex-
hausted, it will require
wisdom & energy more than
human for such work.
Now Gen. dont think me a
croaker. I have the most
unlimited confidence in
Gen. Sherman & Gen. Howard,
but there are somethings that
cannot be done. History
shows that they have not been
done. Be wise. be sure, so
says the fool. And God bless

you is the prayer of us all.

Do one thing for me, can't you? Send me a copy of your report from Look-out-valley to Atlanta; from Atlanta to Savannah? do, & I'll send you anything you want.

Can't I send you anything by the Col., or do anything thro' any channel that will be of service to you?

yrs to command, friend & fellow-worker, with love & admiration. E. B. Webb.

Love to Whittlesey.

O. O. Howard.
Com^dr. army of the Tenn^see.

Gen Howard.

Honored Sir,

Will you please have the kindness to forward the enclosed as directed and oblige one of your many Maine Union friends — & rejoice that Susan-nah is in such good hands —

Any kindness shown to our poor uncle & daughter will be received

with gratitude by their
Northern friends

I used
frequently to hear my
cousin Maria Tuffen
speak of you — and
my sister Mrs E. H. C.
Hooper — has had the
pleasure of meeting
you —

With much respect
(Mrs) D. H. White

Nathaniel Sam. 9/6 54

Waltham, Mass. Jan. 9, 1865

White, Miss M. 36.

Mrs. C. S. Wilson at Mr.
H. Gillums: Cor. Liberty &
Habersham Streets
Savannah Georgia
Jan 9th 1865

Genl Howard

Dr Sir -

With gratitude I acknowledge the receipt of One Hundred dollars (in a U. S. Treasury Note -) from your honorable hand on the 7th Inst - & which, as soon as I am able to do so, I will refund with interest -

Very Respectfully
C. S. Wilson

Genl Howard

Dr Sir - I cannot close this note, without saying to you: that I can never forget your kindness to me - It has rarely been my lot to meet with such a christian gentleman as in yourself, and. And then your charm of manner and conversation that passes all description - so cheerful - so unassuming - so free, and easy, and frank, and kind, and gay) - that I at once forgot my embarrassment, and felt myself by the side of an old and familiar friend

Respectfully & Gratefully
C. S. Wilson

Genl Howard
U. S. Army
Head Quarters
Near the Park
Savannah
Ga

New York, Jan. 11, 1865.

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New York January 11th 65

Major-Gen Howard
Commanding "Army of the Tennessee"

Dear Sir.

Your note of the 2nd of May 1864 to Colonel Wm Keon was forwarded to me by his relatives. He was killed before it had time to reach him. I cannot thank you too much for your kindness in granting me your recommendation to West Point, at large. I am now about to avail myself of it. I herewith send you the recommendations of my school teacher and my pastor, hoping they will be sufficient.

I am but 15 years of age, but could easily pass for 17, and am as stout as most boys of that age. I will be 16 next September which is 3 months. I believe after I would be required to enter the Academy should I get the appointment. I shall do my best to do honor to your recommendation.

Please forward the recommendations to me sealed and directed to the Secretary of War. If convenient please send them immediately. The reason for my wishing to have it sent to me is that I wish to concentrate all my influence, and send it in one batch to the Secretary. Address reply to Chas D Miller 514 th St. between 1st and Avenue A South Side

Yours Very Respectfully

Charles D Miller

Augusta, Maine, Jan'y 12/65

Maj. Gen. O O Howard

Dear Sir

My brother Henry Nason is about visiting Savannah intending to engage in business there

As he will be a stranger & among strangers, I take the liberty of giving him a letter of introduction to you.

He is & ever has been a truly loyal & patriotic man & an earnest supporter of our government, and will not abuse any confidence you may place in him

He is a native of Augusta, but has been an active business merchant in New York city for many years, and is well calculated to succeed in

plans, which he can make known to you --

I will add what I know will be of interest to you, that he is a professed follower of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ --

We all rejoice at the success of your great expedition which has opend Savannah to our people, & which bids fair, with Gods blessing to do so much towards bringing this wicked rebellion to an end.

Hoping that such may be the case, and that soon you may be permitted to return to your family & home, long to enjoy the blessings of peace, for which you have made so great a sacrifice --

I am respectfully yours.

E A Nason

January 12th 1865

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Colchester McDonough Co Ill

General Howard

Dear Sir It is with Sorrow that I take pen in hand to write you this letter I have just received the sad news of the death of my only Son — George W. Matchett Company I 6th Mo. Vol. Ill Detached as Scout for General Howards head Quarters

Dear Sir I thought it possible that my Son was personly known to you

I know but little of your Personal History it is enough for me to know that you are a Union Soldier fighting to uphold the Goverment of of our beloved Country

Therefore in great confidence
I look to you to Sympathize
with the Bereaved Parents &
Sisters of the fallen Soldier
we recd a letter from an Of-
ficer of his Company informing
us that he was killed about
the 1st of December at Gordon
Ga when in the discharge of his
Duty — Shot by a Citizen
Dear General if you could give
me any of the particulars concer-
ning the death of my dear son
whether any of his comrades
were with him when shot
whether or not he was killed
instantly & if he was decently
Buried it might be a com-
fort to our ackeing hearts
Also if you can give me some
Testimonial of good conduct on
the part of my Boy

I suppose that you are pressed
with the cares & the responsibil
ity of your high Command
we read in History that the great
Napoleon in his flight from
Russia found time to interest
himself in the Private matters
of one of his lowest Soldiers
Dear sir my son entered
the Army at the begining of
the war being then about 19
years of age I dont know
whether he had Money or
property at the time of his death
by hard or not
At the commencement of the war
I was living at the Wilson Cr=
eek Battle Ground S. W. Mo.
we left there in the summer
of 62 after being robbed &
driven by the Rebels and
came to this place — my Daug
hters walking most of the way

General I bring my letter to a close hopeing that it may find you in the enjoyment of health & happiness & from the depth of my heart wishing you great success in the defence of our Government I hope and believe that this war will soon be over yet there is many tears to be shed many hearts to be broken and many Graves to be filled — Therefore allow me to Exhort you to be prepared for Death

Yours in Sorrow

Lindsey Matchett

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Beaufort S.C. Jan 13th 1865

Dearest I have been running back & forth from Savannah for the past week, as my troops are being transported to this place. Now I have my second quarters here and I write you once here too. I got a good long letter from Rowland yesterday and he told me how nicely you all were. I had the two pieces the children wrote your own tiny note. Mrs General & Mrs Capt. Saxton took me to ride yesterday afternoon as they said to take me from official duties. We went to visit two negro schools in full operation. We found the children quite as far advanced as white children of the same age. We are going today a bridge at Port Royal Ferry and try to secure some priority of the Rail Road man Pocotaligo tomorrow or monday. Give much love to the children. Mother's present is not quite done. I wonder if Uncle Charlie succeeded in getting home the pony. Are you really doing hard work? You must not worn out darling with working for I really want to see you. Though it does seem as if I never could get home. But the sooner my duty gets done. I miss Charlie a great deal. Tell him Col Clark is a full Brigadier and has got back to us, and wants to stay with us till he is confirmed by the Senate. Col Wilson has come back a full Colonel. Van Brunt is back but don't want to see me; has gone to Savannah to see Gen. Sherman. The Sec. of War says he "thinks the President thinks" I am the right man in the right place". He speaks warmly & even affectionately of me the few moments I saw him at Savannah. Many, many kisses from your loving Otis

Give my love to Mother and remember me to all inquirers.

age. There were two white teachers one for each school, a Miss Bolmer of Boston & Miss Darby from Massachusetts. The children sang for me. They all sing and with great zest & enjoyment bringing their bodies to keep time. The weather, cool but not cold - really delightful. These old trees, green & luxuriant - how very much you would enjoy it here. How delighted you would be to come. This I keep saying, but I am so short of time here, that I cannot carry it. Mrs Sexton (Gen.) is a lovely lady & wants to see Mrs Howard. Gen Sexton has taken me personally invited to his house, given me a room and allows me to enjoy the luxuries of his table. I have not yet given up the hope that things may return, that I may run home before Spring. I am sometimes very homesick, but generally so much taken up with duties that I don't get burdened with it. I am sitting in Mrs Sexton's reception room and writing at the general's desk. This is that I may be less disturbed by comers & goers. I have called on Prentiss Whitman and he showed me his shop & some beautiful Mocking birds and a horned owl. He wished he had a chance to send you one. Upon this cold North wind stop his singing. But it is these birds don't sing here in winter. I should have been here tonight for the front

Boston Jany 13. 1865

Maj Genl Howard

Sir

I wrote you a few days since recommending the papers of a young man who wished to commence business at Savannah. I now have the pleasure of introducing him to you in person and can say that you will find him trustworthy in all respects and ready to fulfill all he promises as a man of honor and loyalty.

Any assistance you may render him in attaining his wishes I shall consider as a personal favor

Asking your pardon for intruding upon you I remain

Your obt

James R. Gilmore

Boston

Gilmore, James D.

Leeds, Jan. 13 1865

My dear brother,

I reached home day before yesterday (Weds.). Chas. Moreland in Portland doing business for mother & he came here with me. Little Jamie was the first to open the door and welcome me with "Uncle Charley" and a kiss - then came sweet little Grace - then Guy almost ready to shed tears for joy - then little Chancey came toddling along saying "Farley", "Farley". Mother and Lizzie were well. They had expected me the day before on acct. of a notice in the telegrams from Washington in the Boston Journal saying I had been in W. on my way home.

Mr. Webb wrote you while I was with him. I was a good deal

Hope you will send me word if you hear from your Washington communication. "Ned" sends his respects to Howe & tell him "I'm getting on straight well".

Very affectionately
C H Howard

P.S. Do not do too much for Messrs. M— C brothers aged 16. - Their father is said to be a great Rebel & I fear duty will not warrant even the saving of their cotton.

My respects to Col. Strong, Maj. Whittlesey, Capts. Gilbreth & Beebe & all the rest of our family & staff - I will go to Augusta next week -

hindered by the pony. Had to
leave him at Newport & wait for
him in Boston. Also left him
and "Wash" in Portland. They
came in the freight train yes-
=day all safe & sound. We did
not tell Guy what his present
was to be. I got a saddle in
Boston. Guy went up to the
train with me at 2 P.M. but
the train not coming on time
we returned to get Rowland.
Guy remained at home but
"Wash" arrived with the pony
so all hands could see him
before dark. Guy was crazy
with delight. He went down
almost at once to speak to
Oats from Uncle Roland.
Mother seems a good deal better
with her cares. I shall try to
believe her in every possible
way. It will not do for me

to attempt to live on the farm & care for it herself.



Lizzie & I have talked over the farm business - (Mr. Lane's) and concluded that if you were here you would not buy it at present - I do not think you will have difficulty in getting it hereafter if you desire. Mr. Lane asks $3500 and it would cost you a large sum to fit it up so that Lizzie could live there. Then there is the matter of schools & church - the latter of no small importance while you are absent. The want of society and many many considerations - none of which may have escaped you but which appear to us, almost insuperable objections to taking the farm just now in your absence and with your present income.

Mother says that she would

be just as well contented any-
where else as upon the old farm
or in Seeds - if only with those
whom she loves. — If you left
the farm just as it is for the present
and did not attempt to have a
home there - still it will be only
a source of expense - not by any
means paying the interest upon the
cost or even (we think) self sustaining.

Our (Mother's) business is in
pretty good condition. I go to settle
the last debt out of the farm
today - Mr. Bishop's $80.00 - cash.

We all saw the pony this morning.
They announce him, very handsome
pony - Siggie says he can ride
him. She looks younger & better
than I have seen her for a
long time and her character grows
more and more Christian lovely, it
seems to me. Jennie is a beau-
tiful boy - Chase is a great school
for one so young - I brought them some
presents from their father - much more
pleasing than if from any one else.
I have not time to write more just now.

P.S. Chase and Jennie sleep

Augusta Jan 14, 1865

Mrs Howard

Your little Boy came to our Store on Thanksgiving day and said he wished to leave some money to pay a small bill at Mr Brooks Store as Mr Brooks was closed on that day, and you were to leave town on that, or the following day. The little fellow had a bill of the goods to which he said should be added a pair of Scales and left the money accordingly. When I called to pay Mr Brooks he informed me that the Boy paid for all but the Scales, — So I enclose to you the balance, — Should have sent it before but did not learn your address until today

Yours Truly
W. F. Barton

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Washington DC Jan 14th 1865
368 Penn Avenue

Maj Genl O O Howard
Comdg 4 & D of Tenn

Dear Genl

You unfortunately I was among the number blockaded at Chattanooga while the Rebel Army lay before Nashville. consequently did not get away until the first of the present month since which time I have been using every possible exertion to meet your Command with Supplies of which I have on hand a large Amount consisting of Officers wear Sutlers Supplies &c (everything being strictly Military Goods) I arrived here yesterday and immediately presented my papers to the War Department. Asst Sec' Dana says the Department will only act upon them by an Order from Genl Sherman allowing me the privilege of coming to his Army and whenever I can present such authority the Department will give me the privilege of Shipping.

Will you be so kind as to send me the necessary documents specifying the Money value of goods I may be allowed to bring through. Our Stock stored at Nashville will probably amount to ($75,000) Seventy five thousand dollars which is in readiness to ship at any moment whenever we are allowed to do so. I would also like to know whether I can ship them by Government transportation from New York.

If it is my good fortune to get to your department nothing shall be left undone on my part to keep them well supplied and at such prices as I think no one will have reason to complain of. Trade at Nashville

has been very light. at Chattanooga there has been little or none.

Accept my heartfelt thanks for the very kind interest you have taken in my behalf—be kind enough to present my best regards to those of your staff of my acquaintance. and with a sincere wish that I may meet with you soon and assurance of the gladness every one feels for the grand success of your Campaign through Georgia

I am Genl
Your Very
Obt Servant
Geo. H. Marble

Washington — Feb 1st 1865

Marble, Geo H.

Beaufort S.C. Jan 20 1865

Dear Sir,

I propose to send Capt. Beebe to Maine, to consult with Gov. Coburn & procure a regiment for us there. He is a Grammar School man & higher toned rather young man & not to be forward. I commend him to you especially. You must get acquainted with him. I am still here, but going to Hilton Head for body and then back. Probably shall start for a further point and movement on Monday next. Gen. & Mrs Saxton have taken me into the family & treat



me remarkably well. He will guide me step by step. He has indeed honored me above measure. I am writing sitting by the hearth of Sheldon at his same table. There is a little of the sea-smell that has sometimes made you so sick. If anything should happen to prevent my visiting you, I must have you come to me next time. Had I known it Beaufort would have been a charming place and we would have been very happy there. But you would have been very much troubled, had I left you. I did not to Sheldon's night for Boston. Captain Beebe effect the most of my report with his own hand for Morton. I want to send you a map that shall be very much to with more interest. We are letting troops of regiment free, and they are being organized &

me with great tenderness and if I did not
feel so homesick the change would
make me quite contented. The next
time we take the cars I mean to
go home at any cost. Washington is said
to be over, though at considerable
cost. This will help us a great
deal. (Hannah Lincoln Dean encourages to
Milton expect possibly the purchase of the
farm. I am not particular. I can invest
more profitably elsewhere, but if Mother
would like that place for a home, and
you for a place occasionally to retire to I
am willing to buy. All the peculiarities of the
people I mention, and is much always for one's self
whether one ought to act or not to follow. Sometimes
what a fine heart will always raise above
all petty and trivial affairs. When the main
business is to make money it is very difficult
to free social intercourse from the dollars & cts.
Much courage has always turned above such
things, and a good many of the best people
have been very good & useful lives. I understand
you, darling, that it is not opportunity you
want for, but encouragement. Family & Money -
All sort of experience is necessary for them. Yet
they cannot be too carefully guarded against anything
that is small-souled. I feel that nothing need be done
now, with a view to any public interest, for God
has his own work for me to accomplish and I feel

unmounted he went. When I get home I think borrow the pony for my little daughter to the next have her riding cheerfully and I will try to find a side saddle. We are now almost at our destination. Give love to Mother, Cora, Julia, and remember me kindly to Cousin, Melvin & family. I know how my friend "Bell" gets on, any little letter. Our boat rocks & pitches uncomfortably but we will soon be along side the wharf. They hoot likes yoke and scare you & direct you in all your ways in your sandwich & coffee. You must make charges less than them you & they will be happy & grateful to pay you. Yours truly

Olin

cant colonized [illegible] supervision

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Yesterday I visited Colonel Crook's school, where I found the children sparkling with intelligence, the teachers noble women who have devoted their strength to this work. The school is on the hill, upon the N. New England village school. The exercises, the reading, the enthusiasm & the singing struck you with wonder. The "American" & "Rally round the flag boys" sings out little lungs & hearing us to inform you with enthusiasm, you cant help saying, that is not the stuff to make slaves of. On N. Orleans friend. Miss Jones & three Misses Mercy who are wealthy ladies, have devoted themselves & their income to this work. They have a shoulder

forward with their arms opening together thus;
When they sing the chorus they open and
the children in the wings face inwards. The male
children are in the body of the house. They sing
on the right, then on the left, then all
together, and such singing. Little men about two
feet high sing away in perfect time and
with great zest & joy. The school house is opposite
the church. By this church is a grave-yard
filled with tomb stones. The name of Tripp is very
common. I am constantly reminded of Mrs Lee
by the name & by the dialect of the negroes, which
is the very free inside of the Gullah language.
Capt. Beal says he thinks Mr. Lee was killed some-
where. The boat is rather unsteady in rolling
this way and you must not mind a pencil lettr.

I have just got your letter written before you
left Washington in dirty. I should have sent
you a dispatch but I wrote that one from the
Savannah Canal in such a way that I thought
you would know all was right and I ordered Capt.
Drummond to swallow the paper containing the
message if he was caught by the rebels and I
did not wish to give him too much paper. Give much
love to my dear Nancy. I hope the pony
has made his debut before this and been accepted.
Dontiss is well, but dont come to me in Office. He
fixed my watch. Dont let Charles forget my coat.
I shall be glad to see Stimson. I wish he had
come to Beaufort while we were there. He thinks
he is much better. My cough is much
in winter, without freezing, for two years, to
say nothing of his fingers. Warm days are

Head-Quarters Department and Army
OF THE TENNESSEE,

Beaufort S. C. 1865

January 2nd

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Com'd'g. Army of Tenn.

General.

I have the honor to state that the means of transportation of this army is as follows. Viz.

15th A.C. 790 Army Wagons
17th A.C. 460 " "
4th Corps of the Army 26.
Signal Corps 8.
1st Mil. Engineer Regiment 24.
In 15th Corps 23 - 2 Pack Wagons. In 17th Corps 1. In

Engineer regiment 1. Total 1318 Army Wagons & 25-2 horse wagons.

The above includes every thing Hd. Qrs. supply & ammunition trains.

We carry 200 rounds of Infantry ammunition per man & 350 rounds of Artillery ammunition per gun.

We propose to carry 20 days rations of sugar, coffee & salt, & from 15 to 20 days breadstuffs.

We have no Corps supply trains. Ordnance & supply trains are distributed equally among the Divisions. Respectfully

Wm. E. Strong
Lt Col.

Leede Jan 22 1865

Dear Papa

I began a letter to you last sunday and did not finish it now will copy that first then write more. I thank the Officers very much indeed for my Pony. I could not have received a better or a nicer present. It is just what I have been wanting so long. Wash is a very nice man and takes good care of my pony. I donot know what to name the Pony, I have been on him three times; once I went as far as Capt. Tuners, I dont go alone Wash leads him. The Pony likes to play and stand up on her hind feet and put out her

fore feet towards Wash.
Grace and Sare teaching Wash
to read. I hope he will stay
with us along time. I am
glad you got all my letters
before you left Savannah.
Mother thinks you may not
get these letters for some
time. Jammie says he must
have a letter from Papa soon.
No one went to church last
sunday the roads were not
broken out; we had a very
pleasent time at home Uncle
Charly was here; he is coming
home from Farmington
to-morrow in the train.
To day is very ~~pleasent~~ pleas-
ent. Grand-mother and the
girl and the hired man
went to church. It is now
half past four. Capt. Turner
has just come in, Chancy and
Jammie are sitting in
his lap. Wash would
like you to give his re
spects to Sam and tell
him that he is well.
Please give my love to
Dr Duncan. I just read your
letter aloud to Mother. Are
you going to bring that nice
horse home that was given
you on the March? This let-
ter will go tomorrow with
Mother's. Good night, with
much love from
Your son
Guy.

THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION,

*Sends this Sheet as the Soldier's Messenger to his home.*
*Let it haste to those who wait for tidings.*

General Sherman's Army,
99th Regt. 2nd Div. 15th Army Corps.
January 23rd 1865

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Several times have I attempted to write this letter, and my heart has as oftentimes failed, not knowing in what light it may be considered, But I have concluded to write let the events be as they may. If they meet your approbation the desired affect is produced, and if not I do hope you will pardon and excuse the author, and oblige.

I have presumed to solicit your kind condescension, to grant me permission to visit my home, in Lafayette Indiana, for this reason, My mother, oldest and youngest Brothers have died since I left home, My oldest brother whose age was 19 years, was the

mainstay of the family, during my absence. This leaves my father, young brother and two sisters to the cold waves of adversity. My father is poor unable to work, and is over sixty years old.

If I could be there a few days, I could make arrangements, which would keep them from feeling the stings of want, until the expiration of my term of enlistment.

Hoping you may consider my circumstances, I remain yours —

obedient Servt, John W Bolles
Sergt Co "F" 99th Ind vols Infy

here with Mrs. Thurston all the week, spending one night at Hallowell – All well – Mrs Thurston "Aunt Caddie" have been very kind. They send their love to you & have wished audibly many times that you had come down with me. I enjoyed much hearing Dr. Shepard of Bangor today. Have seen Mr. Foster of Bangor here but his daughter is still in Boston. I think of going right on (if I can) tomorrow, seeing Dorlin one night at Albany & taking the Steamer from N. Y. next Friday but I may not get off so soon – If it were not for taking that Steamer I would come to Leeds again – Mr. Berry went off before I anticipated or I should have sent mother's present from Otis which poor Bebe brought. If you will leave it here (Otis' Reports & maps) to be called for – The forage will take no harm here until called for even though not till your return – I saw Mrs. Handfield today – the other daughter Emma inquired after Sam & you & family – Love to all & mother –

Your affectionate brother
O. O. Howard

P.S. Please preserve this letter of Otis' and be sure and send it to me
Yours O. O. H.
(what I think)

Otis – Setting it into Tuesday's mail without time or need of a fine letter.
O. O. H.

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Head-Quarters Dep't and Army of the Tennessee,

Savannah G. A. January 23 1865

My dear Brother

I have agreed to Beebe consulting with you and trying to raise a regiment – with a view to getting it at my Hd. Qrs. as a body guard. The letter, however, here below will be too sanguinely worded too publicly promised for I wished to find if it. I think the governors wishes in that it is for your interest & for the public interest to comply with my request. I have no thoroughly man in my command & I would very much like to have a good regiment. You will want recruits and as many veterans as possible. I clearly believe that I am putting a hard

Augusta Feb. 5 1864
Sunday Evening —

Dear Sister Lizzie

For fear I may not be able to see you & dear Mother before leaving I will write. I have been waiting every day this week & expecting a telegram from Sec'y of War in answer to Gov. Coony about the Regiment & passed to in this letter of Otis to me. I should have come to Leedy but for this hourly expectation or should certainly have written. I hope to hear tomorrow. I do not care much to raise the Regiment as I thought the Governor not very eager for it & I like the position of Inspector better. However as Capt Beebe came on & he was to be Lieut. Colonel, I thought I would try it if the Sec'y of War thought favorable. I have stayed

but on you. If so you must use all your influence. I have written you recently & quite fully — and also a letter to Lizzie. Lizzie, Mother & the children will be glad to see Lewis Capt. Beebe. Give much love to all. I send nothing present. How goes the pony & Mary — May Grace is growing & talking nicely.

Yours Ever
Otis

Pillsbury, John E.
Cust. Sp. Agent
Treas. Ralph.



# Treasury Department,

FOURTH SPECIAL AGENCY.

Beaufort, S.C.
January 23. 1865.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Comdg. Army of the Tenn.

General:

I have seen Genl. Blair and he will remain. General Barry can have one nice large room (the parlor on the first floor) and two chambers. And if we can accommodate them in any way about our mess will gladly do so. I desire to accommodate in every way possible & I have no doubt that this arrangement will suit all concerned.

Will you be so kind as to inform Genl.

Barry about this. I regret exceedingly that you personally should have been at all annoyed and beg to remain

Faithfully Yours

Wm H. C. Pilsbury

Asst. Spec. Agent.

Savannah Ga. Jany 23. 65

Maj Genl O O Howard
Sir

Upon arriving at Hilton Head I met Maj Gen. Blakely, and learning from him that Maj Genl Logan was at this place I came immediately here, & reported to Genl Logan, - He at once directed me to report to Genl Sherman, doing so, he directed me to report to yourself. Before getting off I met Genl Blair, who informed me that a report to him & an awaiting order for me, was all that was required or expected. & hence my not seeing you in person, at Headquarts.

I have written so much, that you shall not feel that there was any discourtesy - on my part, in not seeing you and "talking over matters" in the language of Genl Sherman

Your order to report to Genl S. was what I expected & so informed Gen Clarke.

Gen S. orders me to report to Adjt Genl. at Washington - and gives me a parole letter to Sec War. saying I may not return from any want of confidence in myself. I believe you feel the same way & are fully certain, that my orders are not prompted from any other reason, than my unwillingness to offer me a command, which I cannot take I shall, perhaps without doubt, go out of service, on my arrival at Washington - but shall feel grateful to have done Effective from my help. I hope command sufficient may attend my move & that you, personally, may meet the high expectations of the Country

Respy yr obt Svt

W. Darrow

Brig Genl Vol

Jan. 23rd 1865.

Barrow, Wm.
Brig. Gen USV.

Please address
Me at Washington
Box 317

Savannah Jan 25 1865

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Major Gen. Howard

My dear Sir.

I regretted after learning of your departure from our city, that I had not obtained from you some letter of introduction to the future Military Governor of Savannah. I supposing that on going back into the Union, Savannah would receive, according to the promises made us, the benefits of our original Government. I did not anticipate the trouble & distress we now experience. We are refused simple passes to go two or three miles into the country to my farm for wood &c. The colored people living there are in great distress not being allowed to come in & go out with food. I cannot send out for wood & can get none from the public yard. Under these circumstances you can readily imagine what must be our condition. For years past, my farm has been the chief means of supporting my large family, & I hardly think it can be the intention of the Government of the Union to deprive me, without a cause, of this means of living, & thus reduce us to want & beggary.

Knowing you personally, General, I write entreating your influence & intercession with Gen Sherman, the Commander in Chief, 1st That he would grant me the right to continue with my farm as usual heretofore, under his protection. 2nd That he will grant me a pass to & from the city to it, & to my church during the summer. 3rd And also give two passes for my three colored servants to pass to & from the city & their home at my farm two miles South of Savannah.

In asking these privileges I can imagine no possible evil or harm to the Military authorities; while it would be of immeasurable benefit to a large & respectable family, & to a number of poor colored people in making an honest livelihood.

You know me, General, well enough to be assured that both my honor & my principles as a christian gentleman, would not allow me to make the least improper use of any privileges granted me as a citizen & minister of the gospel.

I presume, from his former kindness, that friend Major Whittlesey of your staff, will act for you in this matter, procuring as speedily as possible for our relief, the above mentioned permits & protection from Gen Sherman.

With kindest regards to the Major, & to yourself personally, in which my family join me, I remain, dear Sir

Your sincere friend & Obedient Servt

O B King

Major Gen Howard
Comdg Army of Tennessee
Beaufort S.C.

Aug. 6. 63.
Rec.

Asks General Howard to secure passes for Quinby and negroes in Andout of Savannah.

Leeds Jan 26, 1865

My dear Brother

I believe I have written you since Charles came home. You don't know how happy it has made us all & what a comfort it was to Mother: I came down yesterday, & to Mary bears love to L. L. Lathrops daughter this morning - Ella & Deedie came down with Charles Monday & will return with me - Your family are all well - Jay has a troublesome cold - Charles is settling up the business & we will see a man today about buying the farm - Ella enjoys that visit with additional relish because he talks over all his love matters with her -

Charles and I will go over to "the City" today & see Rosa Dean - Dels girl - about whom he seems terribly in earnest - everybody likes Charles man Nash - he is so faithful & inoffensive - Mother has a pretty good girl & Nash keeps the fire going & it seems more comfortable here than usual in cold weather - Daniel is very fond of his cousin - I send a picture of Jennie which I bought from Fa[illegible] Naughton yesterday - We hear of you at Pocotoligo & another report locates you in the rear of Wilmington! We will see Neale Lasique & Laura today - The snow drifts are as deep as ever you saw them - Th[illegible]

Percy stands the climate very well & Guy is the envy of all boys. The old place never looked so well as now & "Nash" will keep her so. Charley had a very good audience in our M.H. at Farmington Sabbath evening and we took a collection for the Freedmen & R. Commission.

All the children (8 O'clock) are up & chattering away like black birds! but Charley must have the rest, so good Bye with God's blessing

Your aff. Brother
Rowland

Rev. R. B. Howard

Lecte Jan. 26th 1865

New Porto Alegre Jan. 27 1865

My Dear

Night before last & last night I slept at an old house near the Porto Alegre river, but tonight our field head quarters have come up and we shall stay themselves in again in the field under fetes. The water froze last night, and it has been freezing cold all day today. nothing like 10 below zero, but everybody feels the cold on account of the sudden change. I have thought much about you and home of late and long very much to see my way clear to get there. Next monday we shall probably swing off again and trust to a kind Providence

but I fear his business may have to call him away. I want to know all about your visit & his reception. This is a very peculiar country here. A great many swamps and only little land spared them for. There are knolls on which the live oaks are grown of immense size, and there there were houses but now chimneys mostly. There are large rice fields. They are reclaimed from marshy swamps where the tide comes in by deep & long ditches. I am in hopes before long we will get out of this swamp. There broad oaks with the moss hanging in festoons decaying from every limb would strike you singularly. It makes you feel sad to go through a long avenue of these trees & moss. It looks like a cemetery sight. The shrub trees are always green and the moss always gray & hoary. Moss looks so to me & I hope this is very well

Nina are very fine children. Give them my love & kiss the children.

We do so many things that are wrong in this living off the country in the way we do that I do not like it and I am afraid of retribution. I am particularly inclined to feel this when we reach a loyal place like Beaufort. It is almost impossible to keep the soldiers from seizing every house & hovel and appropriating sundry other things that don't belong to them. I hope indeed some wonderful thing will soon happen so as to let us return to peace & prosperity. I was treated very kindly at Beaufort & Gen Saxton & wife were made to enjoy everything I could away from you & the children for which I feel very grateful. I have sent Becky to your brother. I am only afraid you may give him the slip, having gotten away before his telegraph reached him. It is a good deal to think of a regiment of a thousand men to leave their homes and go into the field & so few of them ever to return. But I offer to get for them the pleasantest and safest possible place I can & little of what I might not affect it. I am now getting about pretty enough to be envied & to be liked about to some extent and may therefore not accompany all I write. Who will get up the wood and take care of the pony. I suppose Jennie will be perfectly delighted with Daisy's pony. Don't pay a little

Near Pocotaligo Jan. 27 1865

Dearest

Night before last & last night I stopped at an old house near the Pocotaligo river, but tonight our field head Quarters have come up and my staff & myself are again in the field under flies. The water froze last night, and it has been freezing cold all day today, nothing like 14° below zero, but everybody feels as cold on account of the sudden change. I have thought much about you and home of late and long very much to see my way clear to get there. Next monday we shall probably swing off again and trust to a kind Providence

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are always [green ?] and the moss always grey & dark.
Give much love to Mother I hope she is very well
and happy. Give kisses to all the children. [Mine ? ] are many for [thee ?]
darling -
Yr. loving
husband
Otis

[Note across side of page 1:]

U. S. Sanitary Commission,

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH,

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Beaufort Dec 29, 1863

Maj. Genl. Howard

Sir

The inclosed received, a ½ hour since, I forward you, as it explains itself. Dr. Agnew is a prominent member of the Steering Committee of the U.S. Sanitary Commission Board. The object is, to show the public that the contributions made by the public are appreciated: thus hoping to continue the liberality of the North alive to the interests of the Soldier, until that Soldier reduces the revolted territory to obedience to law. Any testimony that you herself & others may give, will be appreciated; & can be addressed to me at Beaufort S. C.

On the 12 Inst. I forwarded to N.Y. a Steamer exclusively for vegetables, for your Army, which I fear may be a day or two too late to be enjoyed. I will keep them as long as vegetables will keep in this latitude after shipment, 10 to 12 days, subject to your Order: and if it is possible to inform

me when to send, & where to deliver, I will have a Steamer's Cargo of Supplies at your disposal, as frequently as every 3 weeks while the Army may be within striking distance of the Coast.

Most respectfully
W. W. March
Medical Inspector for Comm.

Marsh, M. M.
Insp. Surg. for U. S. C. L.

Hd. Qrs. Army of the Tenn
Med. Div. Office
Near McPherson's Mills S.C.
Jany 31st /65

The troops of this command have been freely supplied with many articles by the U.S. Sanitary Comm. both at Atlanta and at Pocotaligo, wh. have administered much to their comfort -

D. L. Huntington
Asst. Surg U S A
Acg Med. Dir
A. T.

past methods, the Board fully sympathizes with you as regards the onerous character of the your labors and has the highest appreciation both of your methods and labors — I am sorry to hear you complaining again of your health, hope nothing unfavorable is coming in that direction. Please present my best respects to Mrs Wheaton & believe me Dear Sir &c.

Sincere friend

C. J. Allen

Dr H. H. Marsh

New York { 397 5th Ave
Jan 22nd 1865



My dear Doctor:

I am very anxious to see at an early day some formal acknowledgment by Gen. Howard & others of the value of the corps of the Uncas — the first corps — Your letter read at the meeting of the Exec. Com^tee on last Friday Evg., giving an account of the benefit conferred makes me anxious to obtain the above vouchers for record and public use —

When we disbanded the anti-scorbutics in the Army of the Potomac last summer we furnished the following plan — We made up a lot of stores, e.g. for the 18th Corps, consigned them to the Corps Commander, sent an agent along having

a note from our Inspector at City Point & thus elicited a written reply — then replies from Gen'ls Burnside, Smith, Ricketts etc. etc. have been of great value —

Now I would ask you as far as possible to do the same — your work has spoken for itself, but the time may come when formal acknowledgments of the value of special bureau work, in great emergencies may be of great use to us with our friends or against our enemies — Dr. Jenkins has been instructed to send to you some printed blank requisitions, to be filled by Surgeons & thus drawing stores from us — The use of these blanks will enable us, having them on record, to turn at once to a history of our issues — In the Army of the Potomac nothing is issued except upon such blanks, unless in cases of great emergency, & then only as "special relief" —

Recently the Surgeon General of Massachusetts said that Regiments from his State had not received much, if any relief — by turning to the files of requisitions in the Washington Office we will be able to show that scores of Regiments from his State, have received enormous amounts of supplies & receipted for them by responsible officers. I would suggest that these vouchers when received be recorded upon a book & monthly sent to New York or Washington as Dr. Jenkins may suggest.

This action is not intended to measure your labors or to in any way any criticism upon your

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Goldsboro, Jan. 29th 1865

Dearest,

Tomorrow we break loose again from our base and launch forth on an uncertain campaign; but the same God is my trust and I hardly feel a misgiving. Not anything is possible. I did wish to see your lovely face and enjoy the children for a short time at least but it did not come about. I am much happy by the thought that you do not give way to anxieties but that you are cheerful & happy towards the children so. That is the atmosphere for them to grow up in. Give much love to all to him to mother and the rest. Mrs. Whittlesey has had a little daughter born on the 11th inst. and he got the news yesterday or day before - everything a little before expectation but doing admirably well. My love to Dollie. We have very cheerful camp fires, but the backs & shoulders get a little cold while they say "Hooray boys a hatch two women". I expect they would like to look in upon us. He can describe it all to you, the row of fires, of fires, of chairs - the big bins oats - with their drapery hanging around - only one flag on all here - everything else is natural as life - you would not mind a peep but it is not for ladies to enter such sanctums - it would be better for me to peep into the beautiful home life - where is our baby & Annie & Chauncey - God keep you all.

Lovingly

Your husband

Otis

I am writing out of doors and at night. The weather has moderated and though I can see my breath, it is not very cold. This time nobody has any leaks only flies. I enclose you two hundred dollars. I hope it may reach you in safety. I am glad Schaeffer has decided not to let me buy the farm at present. For I presume that the school & church privileges are not such as I should choose and as for our living reason, they are of no particular account. Nevertheless a kind Providence has some home in store for us elsewhere. The Library Schaeffer has been assigned to

Corps. Capt. Taggart left behind at Beaufort with the Office. Wood has made the Capt. Lieu. of 15th Corps, a new man Capt. Van Dyke acting Adjt. for me. Got leaves of Lieu. Sherman for the field, Lieu. Ketcham gone on leave – the promotion he wrote me in the paper I have from Becker. Beaufort is to be mustered out. Town quite a small establishment but everything is working well. All but Corse's div.n succeeded in getting over to Beaufort by steam, he with foot on the left wing. Lieu. Sherman is not yet off. In good spirits and confident. Mr. Sherman spent today quietly at Hd. Qrs. and from him no services. Him much

Department of the East,
HEADQUARTERS MAJ. GEN. PECK,
No. 37 Bleecker Street,

New York, Jany 21 1865

My dear General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Dec 31st 1864 in reply to mine of the 22d Decr, on the spring campaign of 1863. You will please accept my warm thanks for your prompt, and manly response.

Referring to a previous note, you say "The truth of the matter was, that I was somewhat in doubt as to origin of your strong vindication of the interests of your command". When I gave my letter of Sept 26th, 64 to the press, Genl Hooker was at the Astor House, and seized the occasion to draw his reply, which has not yet been made. At that time I had not seen or conversed with or heard from an officer of his army. My letter was based upon principles of the military art, and upon evidence in my own possession. It was bold in view of the silence and mystery with which the campaign was invested, immediately after Chancellorsville. In view of what I knew it was not so bold. At the proper time I had determined to

clear up all the mystery, and present the facts to the world without disturbing the operations of the Government.

The same mail brought a second letter from Maj Gen Slocum, official and for publication. It covers all I claim and more. Maj Gen Warren has responded in very strong terms. Maj Gen Hancock referred me to Gen Wm Hayes U.S.A. who was taken on the 3d and passed through Lees Army. Hays letter is long, clear & decisive. Not a man of Longstreets army joined Lee until some time after the 10th May. His rear-guard left the vicinity of Suffolk on the 11th for Richmond.

In a few days I will send you some additional memoranda, for your information, for all be surprised at the amount and influence of the same.

I am yours
very truly
John Peck

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Dept & Army of the Tennessee
in the field.

Washington
January 30th 1865

My dear General

I have been watching with great interest your victorious march through Georgia, and have been regretting that I was denied the honor of accompanying you. Confessedly Sherman's Campaign in Georgia is the grandest of the war, grand in conception, and successful in execution. You, my dear General, have been fortunate in sharing with General Sherman in the glory of this achievement, and your fame is heralded with loud acclaim by your numerous admirers.

I regret to say that in the Army of the Potomac, matters have not been so successful as could be desired. To be sure in our late Campaign from Culpeper

to Petersburg we were in the main successful through the wonderful tenacity of Gen. Grant, yet we were dis-spirited by a succession of failures. The only real success attending our numerous conflicts with the Enemy, was that obtained by your Old Corps, the Second, on the morning of the 12th of May near the Landrum House, when we took the Rebels by surprise and captured some 4800 prisoners and twenty guns. Our fighting was almost continuous, and our losses very heavy. My Old Brigade, (and, by the way you'r's,) was badly cut up. It behaved well every time. But we were unfortunate in our Division Commander, a man without any heart in the cause, and lacking in personal courage and capacity. You remember him, Gen John Gibbon, whom I consider a very poor as well as a very bad Soldier. We were shorn of our glory as a Division, and the

Officers and men lost their pride and ambition. John Gibbon destroyed the best Division in the Army, one which Redgwick and you had commanded, and always found true in the hour of trial.

Every thing is changed in the Army of the Potomac. Most of the old Officers are dead or out of the service. None, or but few of the familiar faces which were wont to gleam with animation and courage on the field of Battle, are now met.

I have been out of service for some three months and am now engaged in the practice of Law here. My health has been poor, but I am improving greatly now. In all probability I shall return to the Army in the Spring. I should like very much to come and serve under you. All of my old command are out of service.

It would gratify me very much

to receive a letter from you.

Please present my regards to your Brother Charles and Maj. Hayes, and such other members of your Staff as are known to me.

May God bless you, my Dear General, and preserve you from all harm is the earnest prayer of

Yours Truly
Joshua J. Owen
Late Brig. Genl. Vols

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Joshua J. Owen.
Washington Pa. Oct. 4th 1865.