Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee

March 5, 1863

You have been thinking of me as in Maine raising the Regiment—but your kind application in our behalf did not succeed so favorably. The God was unwilling to consent. Beebe and seemed to feel the reluctant to gain the respect for me at any rate on act of his having refused so many times to raise any more new organizations. The Bowen would have done it for our accommodation had the letter of my consent. I waited a week for this consent & then decided to return on my leave which was about expiring. I did not feel inclined to take the risk without Beebe.
especially as the 15th foot is altogether on the ground of a favor to you. I was in hopes to reach you but not arriving here till the 15th. Fifty or the others are away of course too late. I regret it more than I can tell you — not the with you in this Campaign. You know there never been about a Campaign since the War before — I know it is all Provident and however, and that it will not be any detriment to you in the end — if it be somewhat unfortunate for me.

When led to a new sphere of action for me — Gen. Saxton invited me to take command of a Colored Regt. At first I told him I could not decide until I had seen you but he urged me afterwards a good deal — promised to give me the First Plt of the Corps he was
To have them occurring the first week - to give me the privilege of selecting all my officers - and finally going to Charleston with him the other day I found that recruiting was very easy so that there would probably be a full Regt. ready by the time the appointment could be procured from Washington.

I thought you had about made up your mind to send with Beebe & me & the former consented to go as Lieutenant Colonel. Charleston proposed that I go to Washington with the appointment rather than other business for him connected with the raising of the Corps. I proposed (consolidated by Gen S.) to have his youngest brother who is now 2nd or 1st Lt. in a colored Regt. as one of the Captains. Intend to get some officers from Army of the Potomac. I think if I had had the appointment
of Inspectors as you requested. I drawn, probably, not some in them, the best.
Still it open, a new field—will compel me to break new ground.
In responsility—Unity—open
a field for a work of humanity
which otherwise I should not have access. I think some qual-
ified morally for such a position
better than most young men—having
as you know no special prejudice
against the black man and disposed to be
good all men as God's created
work and to be treated as such.
Besides I have reasoned that this
may open a life-work for me—that
there will be as farthest last one more
Campaign for one in the field and
then I should come to decide my
profession—I doubt whether I am
unfit for the field of four years the
provision, I should do to. But
As I should decide upon the better cause
my own than service as well as any,
meanwhile will have acquired valuable
experience & knowledge. Another thought
suggested by Mr. Dexter is very pleasant
for me to contemplate. He desires me.

[Handwritten note: "March 4, 1855"]
that you be assigned to command this Department - having it ex-
tended to include the whole of North, South Carolina, Georgia,
and Florida. You may then some-
thing worth thinking of could be accomplished for the negro.

Gillmore's, he thinks, has no sym-
pathy in the North. S.B. (Gillmore)
does not seem to encourage or
encourage a corporal walk with Gen. Saxton.

I thought it would be a plan
for what later, after the election con-
spiracies were over - such an
opportunity for enlarged benevolent,
humane, Christian endeavors -
not only in the matter of hiring
Freedmen, thus providing permanent
employment for the negroes, but
in the great educational movement
which must be undertaken and
the providing of homes, inaugurating
free labor in these States.
I want you once or twice from home. I never enjoyed the society of your dear family so much before. I hope Mother will remain along with Dezi and that you leave may be with you all — since my heart is altogether bound up in the little children. And Dezi seems more like an own having history than ever — she seems all goodness and liveliness and if there is anything more expressive in the world I would add that her character seems to be a mirror of all Christian virtues. Only would I could have been one of us — but I trust you will soon come the pay off and enjoy meeting and spending time with your Washington friends. There now little hope of hearing that you are in Wilmington or perhaps Newmarket with Uncle North in that case you will be on my way when from Washington. Then we will not he too late to announce any new undertakings. If you disapprove of it then we are all to consider for advice. But thinking motion was to do the will of God. I must he will add his blessing. There is hard work and cold about soon — a great and it times.
Miss Boozer or Mr. Boozer I wrote to Mr. Hunter
as you request by Colonel Douthit.
City. Mr. I mean Miss Boozer.
Miss Boozer of course you know since so much of time
has passed. You made a letter and I wrote
back and sent you some flour. We heard there were
complaints that the flour was coming. My
daughter came down and by that
time flour was as cheap as Columbia and through
there was suddenly wanted for stock
the winter. Miss Judy's① Douthit's mother.
I don't know where she is. If you can
get her, give her word to mother. I am hoping
she is very well and happy with the children.
If you get time, I want to go home to see you
and spend some time somewhere. So get ready
with your horse for a campaign. God bless you.
as known. Because you do not know us
as those who are in Texas. I hear
that some of the men here, including
our neighbors, have moved up
from Tennessee. They had a letter from
home to send you. Our success has been
very complete. My home is still safe,
and I hear the sound of the fighting.
We take possession of the saltworks
from South Carolina. We have captured
the town. We have captured the Assistant
court and are expecting the Capt. Frank. He
arrived within 40 days. We get our
water supply from the Old Wells. We
have been living in the town
of Fayetteville. It is a place where
people of all kinds and nationalities
are much disturbed. For instance, I have
heard that
Charles was much. He was saved
in some kind of a fight. The bridge was our home. The bridge was our home.
Leeds, Mar. 12, 1864

My Dear Papa,

I wish to write you a letter to day and tell you what we are doing. I went to Lewiston one day last month with Mother and Wash in a sleigh. I saw Judge Morris and Junny. we went in to uncle Hicks new store; they are all well and glad to see us. Cousin Fanny has a little girl named Grace. She has black eyes and looks like a little doll; cousin Adams had part of his shop burnt in a fire that was in Lewiston this winter. The Pony is getting along very well; he had one cold this
winter but is all over it now
Wash has ridden him to
the Post Office a few times
I am beginning to ride the Pony
without Wash leading him not
on the road but to the spring under
the birch tree and back again.
He has a very pretty and
easy little trot; Wash was
going to ride him one day and
Jamie ran out one day and Wash
put him on; Jamie tells a great
deal about riding the Pony. Wash
would like you to give his love
to Sam and tell him that he
is well. Jamie says that he wants
you to come home. Mother got
a letter from Uncle Rowland last
night. He says that they call the
baby the most of the time and is a
good baby. Shandor is a big big
boy, and puts three or four words
together if you ask him

who he loves he will say, "lovel papa."
Papa when do you think you will
come home? We hear from Uncle
Charlie pretty often at Beaufort.
Ben Saxon offered him a neg-

From your affectionate
Son, Guy
Major General Howard

General

Being one of a committee of Ladies about to get up a Fair to enable the Sisters of the Poor to extend and enlarge their present Hospital so as to accommodate the numerous applicants chiefly Widows and Orphans of those men who have died in battle during the present war. I would therefore most respectfully solicit your Autograph in confident it would enable us by the same to add considerably to the funds for this very charitable purpose.

Very Respectfully

[Signature]

138 Atlantic Street

March 1865

Brooklyn, New York
Dear Professor

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent events that have occurred on campus. There have been reports of a series of incidents that are causing a great deal of distress among the students and faculty. I understand that the administration is aware of these issues, but I feel that more action is needed to address the root causes of these problems.

I believe that it is essential to create a safe and inclusive environment for all members of our community. It is important to ensure that everyone feels respected and valued, regardless of their background or identity. I urge you to take a proactive approach in addressing these issues and to work towards creating a more positive and welcoming atmosphere.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
No. 0

New Eayboldsville No. 1865

July 1864

Dear Mrs. Freeth, I am informed by a few letters I have just received from my Command that the army will move out tomorrow. We shall also have the honor of this gentleman’s company. We will be back in a week.

The people here generally treat us kindly, and I trust you will do the same.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Postscript]

I was anxiety for Slidell to return safe, but

[signature]
Today. Prudly on their head. Children at home. Will we really. When I ask. Do you. All you say. Will you. We will do anything. To fix anything for goodness. You are not our interest. I don't only. So very self. God will care for them. We help to be in regular touch. Communication will open in future.

Mrs. Menne to buy spices. Spices to the Worthington. I am having those enjoying. This week with the children. Must also try to.

Enjoy the Christmas you want.

Yours truly.

[Signature]

Editor's note: The handwriting is legible, but some parts of the text are slightly difficult to read due to the writing style.
Galloupes Isle March 19th 1865

Mr C O Howard

Dear Sir

I am in trouble and have no other source than to appeal to you some four weeks since. I enlisted in a company of infantry at Augusta Capt Montgomery since that time I have suffered more than all that I ever endured before. Up to that time we are now at Galloupes Isle Boston Harbor how long we shall remain here is entirely unknown to me.

But as a friend as well as connection I intreat you by all the powers above if it is possible to have me detailed to some place different from this any chance the most humble position would be very thankfully excepted.

I read your very kind letter nearly a year since from the reading of it
I thought it not advisable for me to go on, please excuse me for not answering it. But now my prayer is that you will give me some kind of a chance and that as soon as convenient I shall only have to go to the hospital if I stay in the company if we should leave here before I can get an answer from you. I will write you again or your answer may be forwarded to me from here.

Please do something for me this once we are supposed to go to the Me 12th now at Savannah.

Please direct in care of Capt. Montgomery.

Respectfully yours,

Everett P. Bridgman
Brunswick March 23, 1865

Genl. C. C. Howard,

Dear Sir: I forwarded your letter requesting that my son, Lieut. W. H. Seabrook of the 10th U. S. Infy., might be detailed for service on your staff, and was informed by the Adjutant Genl. that the request was not favorably considered. On inquiry by Senator Henderson, I learned that the request was not granted because, at the time, there were on your staff as many officers as were allowed by the Rules and Regulations; and that if Senator Henderson had been informed of the vacancy known to the Department, the appointment would have readily been made, if there had been a vacancy known to the Department.

Contrary to all expectation, the exchange of my son has not yet been declared, though I think it cannot fail to be done. His heart is much set upon seeing some service under you, and if there is now a vacancy, or one should occur soon, he would be much gratified to fill the place. And an application in such case, would, I think, be favorably received. I feel so confident that you would find him an efficient and acceptable aide, that I venture to renew the application on his behalf, while at the same time I respectfully submit to whatever your convenience, the necessity of this case, or the good of the service may require.
We are rejoicing exceedingly at the heavy blow your Army is dealing at the very heart of the rebellion, and can look forward hopefully to the speedy and right termination of this terrible war. It may, perhaps, interest you to know that my fourth son, Schuyler, who graduated commencement before the last, entered the service under the last call for troops, and proved himself worthy the lieutenant's commission received from the Governor, by good conduct in the two days fight at Hatcher's Run.

Thanking you, my dear Sir, for past acts of kindness,
I am most truly & respectfully,

Yours, M. Smyth
By Telegraph from New Berne 1865
To Captain F. W. Adams

I telegraphed in your yesterday that I sent for Capt. Vaggard immediately upon my arrival at Morehead. I cannot tell when they will be here. He has the mail with him.

F. F. Smith

Col 1st 9th
March 26th, 1865.

Conklin, J. T.
Col. 7th P. I. M.

Telegraphed for Capt. Taggart.
By Telegraph from Newbern March 26 1865
To Major Gen. O.O. Howard

Put Right Here.

I have the camp and garrison equipped and am coming by rail.

You can send it as soon as it arrives.

J. C. Todd
New Berne,
March 20th, 1863

Boukler, J. T.
Col. I Chp. Dr. Inf.

Camp & Garrison equip. can come by car.
Unclear due to handwriting and faded text. It appears to be a letter from someone named "John" writing to another named "Mary." The content involves personal matters and requests for news or updates. The handwriting is faint and difficult to read in some sections.
Work makes himself generally useful, and seems contented. Jamie lives out of doors every day he goes out in the morning comes in to eat his dinner and then out again. He is nearly as dark as a molatto and I can't help it. I think it has made him more robust staying out as much more than usual this winter. He has enjoyed his labor here largely and the new book cent in the house for near. Then Dabella comes I shall take the children here and go to Argenta. Chancy is a great big boy. You would be surprised to see how much he understands of anything he sees or says. Joe and Isaac are about the same age and at each other occasionally, and one might think they would into the next town. I shall send this to Curtis's cousin in the morning by work who's his letters for another to Dell. Be sure to send to know all gone in place. I shall write to Clarks when I think he has arrived at Franklin P.O. I think he must be near you at the present time. Much love to him. All doing well at Terrington. I am to yours own Suggs.
And Charles Absence - I trust the Lord Jesus has been with youighthouse. Close them a brother. The unconscious influence of your companions and the scenes this which you are helping must have a deleterious effect on your faith. May God give you grace to resist temptation. Win or lose, the crown of life! Our roads are becoming familiar but the fires still afford a nice crust for purposes of coating, and the maple trees are shedding their},

Dear Brother Al.,

All our acts of your locality the way of reaching you since you arrived at Gettysburg have been toChristmas that I have felt discouraged about writing. Mrs. Kearney of Brooklyn sent me 2 N.P. medals containing quite

Circumstantial acts of your campaign thus: S.C. So be struggled with more soldiers this: the uniform is lost. And bleushed with every decent man in your army. In the scenes of Columbia:
The children's home dear Wife were all well when the note this morning - the mailed going out to see you. But &

Can't form any idea of what point you may finally
Stop long enough at to enjoy a visit from your wife. She will not go back to Augusta for 6 weeks at least. Mother will need her going away very much. Hobbies have proved a great blessing to them all especially to Mother who finds them restorative & helpful. I hear that the Old horse & Gyps have flourished especially under this administration. We will look for lettie & Grace at home soon. Ella sits up now all day & has been down stairs with assistance once. Your little newsdealer is 56 yrs old today and is a good health to his family. 10 lbs. Adie loves him & is very tender of him and...
New York, March 21, 1865

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: I take the liberty of sending you, by this mail, a copy of the act incorporating the Freedmen’s Savings and Trust Company.

You will at once see its benevolent design.

It is national, and contemplates branches at all the great points in the southern country.

We hope, in this work, to do much for these poor people—by the general elevating influence of such an institution—by furnishing a safe place for their bounty money, pay, & earnings, & enabling them to provide for themselves & families when the war is over.

You will observe that unclaimed deposits (as many may die unheard of) are to go for the education of the race.

May we have your patronage in this good thing? I hope to see you at your new hotel. I long & should have done so [sic] before now only as getting the Bill though has detained me.

We are doing largely still for all
the armies, not only by our own destruction, but through the Christian Commission. Now that your army makes its appearance, as in connection with taking the city of New York, I am making arrangements to reach it with our gospel material as heretofore.

Kind remembrance to all my friends on your staff. The whole north is full of interest in your magnificent movement, and I trust the end is near. The Lord keep you and guide you as you

Yours very truly,

Respectfully,

J. W. Anderson
Lee 40
By Telegraph from New Bern 27 1865
To Maj Genl Howard

Comdy Right Way. I cannot imagine why Tappan does not arrive. I have telegraphed to Morehead City to look if he can be found. If he can be found I am afraid they have met with some accident in last storm.

J T Conklin
Col & gm.
MARCH 27, 1865

Very Truly Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Col. May 2, 1865

Why does not Taggart arrive.

[Signature]
Sent: May 28, 1865

Dearest,

From letter and message just received, and I am as duty to tell you that I cannot go to you. Mother is entirely alone and you would say could you come here we are situated that it is utterly impossible for me to leave. I should enjoy the journey very much should take it as a favor of you concluded you could remove my objections. Isabella was to have run her long since, should she come and could stay with another and the children there I could leave if you thought best, but I must not think of it now. I hear that Isabella has engaged a school in Barre. I teach the boys beginning in May, as she could remain with us but about a month Rowland has assured whether objections would admit of your coming.
this Spring. I cannot write more for there is a slight rebellion here and Chaney is crying for presently. When I close my letter it will be "all right" as Chaney says.

Now comes more in cheerful as can be.

I wish I could go to you as easily as the letter. I will hope it will not be many months before he can see you. You will have to wait for the Dress if you should come now. I am sending a kiss to Fanny. Another kiss she is required to have for once more.

Yours ever, Linie
Davenport Iowa Mar 28.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Sir - I take
the liberty to address this letter to you
and hope that you have not forgotten
me, who had the honor once to see
me upon your staff, knowing that
your time is limited I come to the
point at once

I was honorably
Discharged the service last December
but not being contented with
civil life I wish to reenter the serv
vice, and thinking that probably the
organization of some troops may one
makes some appointment I respectfully
ask you for a position in a cavalry
regiment if possible
Please give my regards to each of your Staff as I take the honor of knowing. I hope General that my request will meet your approval, wishing you all the success imaginable.

I remain your obedient servant,

P. May Thwing.
U.S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

March 22, 1865

By Telegraph from New Bern, J. P. 28, 1865

To Maj. Gen. Howard

A steamer has been sent to Beaufort for your No. 25.

J. F. Condlin

Col. 22.
By Telegraph from New Bern, 1865
To Maj Gen C. O. Howard

Your mail went out to
you today from Beaufort
and am doing my best to
get a steamer to go down
for Capt Leggett & understand
that he will be up this
week at any rate I
cant etc for him to
come up as soon as
I arrived at the coast
but it seems that he did
not get them

J. Franklin
1865
New Orleans, La.
March 25th, 1865.

Col. I. Ch. 2. Mo.

A man sent for Capt. Taggart.
U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

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By Telegraph from Kingston  28  1865

To Maj Gen Howe  1865

Mr. Davis Breckinridge will come up tomorrow and then I will come to Goldsborough and attend personally at my own depot. Civil supplies come by Coldstream Road soon.

A. Bemiss

GRAL y CO.
Kinston N.C.
March 28, 1865

Remick, Q.
St. Col. & Chf. 6th.

Genl. Buckwith will be at Kingston 20mo.
Dear Brother,

Lizzy received your dispatch from Goldtruss the 27. & sent it up to me & I went down yesterday to consult & arrange with all about going up with your request - I printed them all well.

Your dictations of a girl as they are been for 4 weeks. Mother says she will never walk with Mark I care about people feeling that it would not be right to say I love the children for her to look after Elle.

I must to take my space - but the length of the body journey - the distance of your journey must make at Goldtruss & the fear that the alternative might suit in the disappointment before both made Lizzy think that she would not try now.

The roads are at their worst. I mean.

I hear our letters report - took Brenda & the baby along & borson in horse & walked him down then the alternate snow drifts.

The post is coming out & no carriage can move in snow with any respect to life or limb - but at Isabella & I think them a little viable. Lizzy determined that if it were possible th
I wish you a very happy 1st of August. I went to Forest and back home to stay till Monday. The roads are absolutely dangerous for men or beast. Being quite of foot, made holes in water gullies. Alternating with deep soft sandy drifts is worst of all. I think this was the only mud I ever saw. We have been traveling long enough so that a carriage would be very nice. I think our horses need the rest.

Here we linger still. I'm getting lonesome. We've only been a few weeks. We have been told we will get to see the ladies, but I don't think it will be until we get to New Orleans. We've been told we'll get to see the ladies, but I don't think it will be until we get to New Orleans.

You must be feeling lonesome and homesick now. I hope you are not feeling too homesick. I hope you are not feeling too homesick. I hope you are not feeling too homesick. I hope you are not feeling too homesick.

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Bushel 2 at times yet quite fre.

Empathy is style teaching a person what Mortel is not a business man in his office a country home but a poor woman whose whole mind is still in a focus on the point of giving the same measure of care as well need more sympathy. I don't mean that which offends a brethren itself nor least a benedictive but which is patient a cause of the interest I thought of the happiness of my friends especially right its who are trying to learn the infirmities of the weak but you Charles have your whole emotional nature exposed to its utmost limit where you are but sellie I might do more for our friends. The trouble in my case is that nearly all my house of this kind is expanded on my people little is left for my family but preaching aside God has been blessing me with a lot of Caromneus the Church is in a better state than for some time my own head is more provident love to Christ if faith and kindness remembrance to Mr. Whittington

March 1844

With much love

Crawford
No line 4 Good mor"
Leeds, Mo. Mar. 31st 1865.

Dearest,

I do not write with the most pleasant feelings since I have to tell you that I cannot go to you at present. I say at present for I hope if again you should be acting as you do now the children I should like to ask you to do. I did not think so much about it at first, I saw that I could not yet go and told you so, but I began to feel that I have met with a great trial, and am more and more discouraged.

Beulah was acting as an endorser for four weeks came yesterday to tell me that she could not come at all. She has taken a school in another town but is still teaching here for her father, they are all to move to New Hampshire next month. I feel a little homesick here now, not to get back to Augusta especially. We had an unexpected visit from Revland yesterday, he brought his daughter and bride.
with he in the car, and came on horseback from the Depot at the Center. He returned the same afternoon. I don’t think you will feel willing Charles should leave you.

Mother has caught at the stream which Charles has mentioned to you, Lizzie, and he would like her to take the Regiment even if he thought it only long enough to organize. Perhaps read the letter when he and mentioned that I am in hopes you will have no trouble in the field a great while longer and do want mine to be as much on. I will send you a letter soon.college is going to Lebanon in a few days. I desire it very much to have her attend the children’s meetings and bring thy an over loving them. I will envelope Ellen here with that you may see how much she wishes me to take the youngsters. Mother is not willing the children should go away from her, and I don’t think she is clever. I should learn. Mother would ever much older to go should you be here. She is in better health and has been helping you would come to us here before an return to.

August 3. We hope to have settled travelling by the middle of April. Cheifs are no longer and.

Iannie has written a letter for Tacha and says Mama must send it, as you will find it enclosed. I asked if you want to send your love to Eppie? Charity looks up and says "love to Jim." But I cannot write more — it is another time and I must remove my writing from the table. They have just come in with presents full of loving letters, and some of the ladies, and says I have torn my pants".

Mother setting over the hearings. I told her it was a great misfortune to tear those pants with patched knees, and then they all had a laugh. Lord by Hamilton in love.

Lizzie.