

For letter No. 12

Rowland B. Howard (y) to "Good Friend"
Thomas Hudsay, Yorktown September 3, 1814

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Camp Fort Erie Sept. 21, 1814

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My Friend

I little thought to have received a line from you dated at Yorktown, yet I assure you I was much gratified with the perusal of yours of the 10th Instant, especially when you mention the name of Hadassah with so much respect and admiration - That I may live thro' the struggles of this Fighting School, and be permitted to return to the Forest of the East, is my most earnest wish, when I am sensible I should enjoy myself with the People of that Country - While I was there, I considered it a part of my life not altogether mispent, tho' it proved not very lucrative - The acquaintance I acquired was that of good & generous minds which has made a lasting impression on my memory, & that which will never be eradicated while the Animal fluids flow thro' the veins which now enervate the arm to throw with impetuosity the means of death to a haughty & ungrateful Enemy - Having been nearly two years deprived the privilege of personal conversation with the Girls of my Age & Acquaintance, you might be led to suppose I had quite forgotten their tenderness & good Company - but the reverse is the case with me - At the instant I hear from these bewitching Creatures it brings fresh to mind the pleasures I once enjoyed, which compared with my present situation has the effect of Electricity - You speak of the recovery of Charles's health, & I assure you I am much pleased to hear so favourable news - I think that Letto has forgotten to write me, but as he does not like a Soldier's life, perhaps he is willing to forget Soldiers but he must remember I am as much a Painter as ever

Some few days since I received a Letter from Doctr. C.
Hobland of Limermore who states some marriages
having taken place, among whom is Miss Patty
Hobland to that damned illiterate fellow of a Phillips,
what will Word say when he comes to visit them?
A Mr Bray to Sally Stone & so the Devil is to pay
among the Girls & Boys in the East - However the one
near the meeting house in Jay is yet of the same mind
as formerly (as the Doctor says) - If you wish to know
any thing concerning the battle of the 17th. Sept. you must
look to the Prints - you will observe the death of Capt.
Bradford who was lately exchanged from Halifax - he com-
manded the Company I was in - I was with him when he
was killed &c - The Volunteer Militia fought well,
but lost 60 or 70 taken prisoners, owing to getting scattered
in the Wood - Expect to have some more Tragic-
Comedies - performances very shabby - in which I intend
to one but I get my People dispersed -
Pr. Master Mr. Chubb & Lieut Brown are both here -
Lt Brown wishes his friends to visit him &c - (Wm) Mr Bailey -

It is good as to write me, or request Lettr to do as
much as to think that I am yet alive - When you
write to Leeds, be sure and state that I have
escaped thus far unhurt in the Service of the U States.

I should be happy to have your forward some of
your News papers to me, even after date they
would be gratifying to us here -

Tattoo has been beat, I must suffer the Candle
to burn no longer -

Wm Hobland
Hobland

Yours Sir, as usual
your obed. servt

Dwight L. Harrington

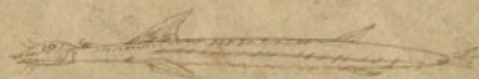
Sergt. Ch. Regt. U.S. Army

P.S. The Enemy have evacuated this place, &
retired hastily in the dead of a rainy night.

Buffalo N.Y.
Sep 26

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Mr. Roland Howard



Yorktown
New York



10 9/21/1814 *From:* Dwight F. Harrington *To:* Mr Roland Howard

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Camp Fort Erie

Yorktown
New York

Source: Bowdoin

Camp Fort Erie Sept 21, 1814

Roland

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Having been nearly two years deprived the privilege of personal conversation with the Girls of my Age & Acquaintance, you might be led to suppose I had quite forgotten their tenderness & good company - but the reverse is the case with me for the instant I hear from these bewitching Creatures it brings fresh to mind the pleasures I once enjoyed, which compared with my present situation, has the effect of Electricity.

You speak of the recovery of Everetts health, & I assure you I am much pleased to hear so favourable news. I think that Seth has forgotten to write me, but as he does not like a Soldiers life, perhaps he is willing to forget Soldiers but he must remember I am as much a Painter as ever.

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If you wish to know any thing concerning the battle of the 17th Sept, you must look to the Prints. You will observe the death of Capt Bradford who was lately exchanged from Halifax. He commanded the Company I was in. I was with with him when he was killed &c. The volunteer Militia fought well, but lost 60 or 70 taken prisoners, owing to getting scattered in the Wood. Expect to have some more Tragi-comida performances very shortly - in which 'tis ten to one but I get my Profile disfigured.

Qr. Master McChains & Lieut Brown are both here. Lt Brown wishes his friends to write him &c - (viz.) Mr Bailly.

Be so good as to write me, or request Seth to do as much as to think that I am yet alive. When you write to Leeds, be sure and state that I have escaped thus far unhurt in the Service of the U States.

Should be happy to have you forward some of your Newspapers to me, even after date they would be gratifying to us here.

Tattoo has been beat. I must suffer the candle to burn no longer.

I am Sir, as usual
your obd friend &c
Dwight F. Harrington
Sergt. 21 Regt. US Infy

Mr Roland Howard

P.S. The Enemy have evacuated this place, I retire hastily in the dead of a rainy night.

[ENVELOPE]

Buffalo NY
Sep 26
Mr. Roland Howard
Yorktown
New York

For letter No. 14

Rowland B. Howard (y) to "Respective Friend"
Mr. Melford Norton, York town,
September 28, 1814

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Leeds October 15th 1744

Beloved Brother

With the greatest pleasure
imaginable, I now attempt to write to you notwithstanding
the incorrectness of my composition writing so I flatter
myself it will meet with a kind reception, Best of Brothers
my feelings were inexpressible at the time of your departure
from this place, I retired to my ^{chamber} the day you left us and
~~scarcely~~ ^{scarcely} did eat drink nor sleep for two days and nights,
but after the Dr. came from Portland, and said you were
in very good spirits when he left you, I composed myself
as much as possible, and have made myself as contented
as I could with what friends I have here, pleasing
myself with the ^{idea} that I shall once more see my ^{Brother} and
enjoy myself in his good company as I have heretofore
— I can not express the joy I felt on receiving your
letter when I opened it and saw the contents therein it
served to recall my mind to past scenes and seem to
remind of past favours unnumbered from you,,
O! Beloved Brother if I may so express myself could
I have seen you here last Thursday my joy would
be unutterable, but of that blessing I ^{was} denied,
Hour after hour have I spent meditating on those
happy hours we ^{have} passed together and would to God I could
spend the remaining part of my life as I have
heretofore I have no particular news to write respecting
your relation and friends in this country,
Mam did not recover her sickness for a long time after
you left here, she is far from being ^{well} at this time
she has a very bad cough which I am afraid she never
will be any better of, Mam is troubled very much
on being separated from her son Howland

She says she cannot leave the thoughts of never seeing
him again, likewise the rest of her sons who ^{are} destined
to be far from her. But my dear brother you are
the one she has always depended upon taking care of
her in her old age, but she makes herself as reconciled
as possible to her situation, and says she thinks it is
all for the best that you should be gone as you was
out of health and not able to labour, I hope you will
be careful of your health and not be exposed to the bad
weather ~~as your health is the greatest blessing in this~~
world that you are sensible of deprived of that we are
deprived of every comfort of life, Lucretia and myself have
enjoyed ourselves extremely well since ward came home
in his good company and many others of your acquaintance
and mine that has made the time seem short that he has
staid here, He says he must soon depart of which I
dread the thought, but will try to assume as much
fortitude as is possible for me, and pass the scene which
is the most unpleasant of any that ever I experienced
that is parting with my nearest and dearest relation,
Ward will inform you of all news and will tell you
more than I can write, your friends and relations
here all express a wish to see you, Dr. Bridgeman
in particular he is one of your best friends, friend do I
say he is your brother and one I will dare to say
wishes for your health and prosperity as much as
any brother you have now existing, Ward will
inform you about the wedding &c &c, all your relations
and friends send their love to you Lucretia in particular she
wants to see ^{you} very much, Hannah I have ^{not} seen since your
departure but I presume she is as lively as ever and wishing
to see you, Nancy and Caroline I have seen they were here
the last week and as chipper as ever I read your letter to them
they were much ^{pleas'd} with it

Rest assure my dearest Brother you have my best
wishes for your prosperity in every undertaking
and my never ceasing prayers shall offered to the great
Author of the universe for your happy immortality
I must now conclude by requesting you to write to
me as soon as you receive this and write every
opportunity to me and likewise to the Dr. ~~of~~
by the Transactions of late relative to ~~the~~
my name I ~~now~~ subscribe your

affectionate sister

Aurelia Bridgeham

Mr Rowland B. Howard
York Town

12 10/15/1814 *From:* Aurelia Bridgeham

To: Beloved Brother [RB
Howard, Sr]

RBH-0e07

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds October 15th 1814

Beloved Brother

With the greatest pleasure imaginable, I now attempt to write to you notwithstanding the incorrectness of my composition writing &c. I flatter myself it will meet with a kind reception. Best of Brothers, my feelings were inexpressable at the time of your departure from this place. I retired to my chamber the day you left us and scarcely neither did eat drink nor sleep for two days and nights but after the Dr came from Portland and said you were in very good spirits when he left you, I composed myself as much as possible, and have made myself as contented as I could with what friends I have here. Pleasing myself with the idea that I shall once more see my Brother and enjoy myself in his good company as I have heretofore.

Pen cannot express the joy I felt on receiving your letter. When I opened it and see the contents therein it served to recall my mind to past scenes and seemed to remind of past favours unnumbered from you. O! Beloved Brother if I may so express myself could I have seen you here last Thursday my joy would be unutterable [See note 1]. But of that blessing I was denied. Hour after hour have I spent meditating on those happy hours we have passed together and would to God I could spend the remaining part of my life as I have heretofore.

I have no particular news to write respecting your relation and friends in this country. Mam did not recover her sickness for a long time after you left here. She is far from being well at this time. She has a very bad cough which I am afraid she never will be any better of. Mam is troubled very much on being seperated from her son Rowland. She says she cannot bare the thought of never seeing him again, likewise the rest of her sons who are destined to be far from her. But my dear brother you are the one she has always depended upon takeing care of her in her old age, but she makes herself as reconciled as possible to her situation, and says she thinks it is all for the best that you should be gone as you was out of health and not able to labour. I hope you will be careful of your health and not be exposed to the bad weather &c, for health is the greatest blessing in this world that you are sensible of. Deprived of that we are deprived of every comfort of life.

Lucretia and myself have enjoyed ourselves extremely well since Ward came home. In his good company and many others of your acquaintances and mine that has made the time seem short that he has tarried here. He says he must soon depart of which I dread the thought, but will try to assume as much fortitude as is possible for me, and pass the scene which is the most unpleasant of any that ever I experienced - that is parting with my nearest and dearest relation. Ward will inform you of all news and will tell you more than I can write. Your friends and relation here all express a wish to see you, Dr Bridgham in particular. He is one of your best friends. Friend do I say. He is your Brother and one I will dare to say wishes for your health and prosperity as much as any Brother you have now existing. Ward will inform you about the wedding &c &c &c. All your relations and friends send their love to you, Lucretia in particular. She wants to see you very much. Hadassah I have not seen since your departure but I presume she is as lively as ever and wishing to see you. Nancy and Caroline I have seen. They were here the last week and as chipper as ever. I read you letter to them they were much pleased with it.

Rest assured my dearest brother you have my best wishes for your prosperity in every undertaking and my never ceasing prayer shall be offered to the great auther of the universe for your happy immortality.

I must now conclude by requesting you to write to me as soon as you receive this and write every opportunity to me and likewise to the Dr. By the transactions of late, relative to changing my name I must now subscribe myself your

Affectionate Sister
Aurelia Bridgeham

[Note 1: I presume that Aurelia is referring here to her marriage to Dr Thomas Bridgeham which occurred in

October 1814. She mentions the marriage several times in the letter and signs the letter with her married name. Thus her marriage date was Thursday the 13th of October 1814.]

Leeds Oct 16th 1814

Dear Sir I received your favour the thirteenth Instant and was highly gratified to hear that you was in the enjoyment of a perfect State of health to add to your happiness I would inform you that your friends intimates and connection of both Sexes participate with me in the enjoyment of the same blessing I would fain write you some news as a suite. The return of gratitude for the high honours Conferred on me by you the favour of Corresponding with a distant friend but nothing incidental to our former acquaintance occurs to my mind at present

For this six weeks past the district of main has bin in a continual uprore the militia has bin all under armes and witten the limits of my acquaintance they ware generally speaking willing to turn out to defend our sea board and Repell an invading foe

Under the present imbaris'd Circumstances you will Conclude we have but little time to spend with ladies which is the taste of your humble servant but rely on this when ever an opportunity presents we lose no time in calling together our pleasure parties to signalise our selves among the brilliant assemblies of the eare

Wm. Rowland Howard
Yorkshire

I must solicit the favour of a letter
for which I hope you will give me a
description of manners and customs
of the people in your quarter.

There has nothing happened of importance
since you left hear no new Courtships
Nor marriages except that of your sisters
to the Dr. I understood it was attended
with great splendor but I had not the
pleasure of being their

I had a conference with Miss Hannah
Chandler once since your absence who
expressed a desire to see you in a state
of Liberty once more Hannah Stinchfield
wished me to find a place in my letter
for her Compliments who greets the
Day that you shall return
write to soon and often concerning every
incident that happens to you during your
stay at Yorktown and if you see cause to
Remove from thence direct me how best to
find you

And believe me yours with undiminished
affection

Thomas Lindsay
To Rowland B. Howard

13 10/16/1814 *From:* Thomas Lindsay

To: Mr Rowland B Howard

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Leeds

Yorktown

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds Oct 16th 1814

Dear sir

I received your favour the thirteenth instant and was highly gratified to hear that you was in the enjoyment of a perfect State of health. To add to your happiness I would inform you that your friends intimates and connection of both sexes participate with me in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I would fain write you some news as a suitable return of gratitude for the high honours conferred on me by you the favour of Corresponding with a distant friend but nothing incidental to our former acquaintance occurs to my mind at present.

For this six weeks past the district of main has bin in a continual uprore. The militia has bin all under armes and within the limits of my acquaintance they were generally speaking wiling to turn out to defend our sea board and Repell an invading foe.

Under the present imbarised Circumstances you will conclude we have but little time to spend with ladyes which is the taste of your humble servant but rely on this when ever an opportunity presents we lose no time in calling together our pleasure parties to signalize our selves among the brilliant assemblies of the east.

I must solisit the favour of a letter for which I hope you will give me a discription of manners and customes of the people in your quarter.

Their has nothing hapned of importance since you left hear. No new Cortships Nor marriages except that of your sisters to the Dr. I under stood it was attended with great splendor but I had not the pleasure of being ther.

I had a conference with miss hannah Chandler once since your absence who expressed a desire to see you in a state of selibicy once more. Hannah Stinchfield wished me to find a place in my letter for her compliments who greets the Day that you shall return.

Write to me soon and often Concerning every incident that hapnes to you during your stay at Yorktown and if you see cause to Remove from thence direct me wher to find you.

And believe me your's with undessembled affection

Thomas Lindsay

To Rowland B Howard

[Envelope]

Mr Rowland B Howard
Yorktown

For letter no. 17

Rowland B. Howard (f) to "Ensign"
Ensign Otis, York town, October 25, 1814

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