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122 6/19/1855 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dear Brother [RB Howard]

RBH-087

Watervliet Arsenal N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

Watervliet Arsenal N.Y. June 19th 1855.

Dear Brother,

I received your letter a few days since and ought to have replied before but I will have to beg off on the score of being a married man. I was going to explain how, but never mind. Hope you are well, & well over the Election. These exciting elections are the greatest of nuisances I know by twofold experience. What did you let the day prescribed by the Constitution pass over for? As a stroke of policy so as to get more friends. Ah! You young politicians. I hope you are not imitating the political stars of our country.

Yes I had heard the news from home, Roland's marriage and Arza's death. Poor fellow. He is out of pain. I am glad to hear of his frame of mind in his last moments for the sake of the consolation it affords his friends, and trust that the 11th hour was sufficient for true repentance and acceptance.

What do you think Roland is going to do with his wife, a funny place to keep her at her father's. I believe I would bring her home. He got married when mother was gone & didn't invite me - just think of it. Well I'll have my revenge.

Lizzie came back last Friday and I laid aside the grass-widowers habit. Perhaps you know what that is. I shan't tell you for I have quit telling things which are not creditable to myself. She had quite an eventful journey for her, found Lieut. Boggs in Boston, was escorted to Springfield by Col. Craig the head of our department and from Springfield to Albany by Majors Symington and Hagner. In this grand company I found her at East Albany. I think she is bent on writing you a letter if she is another man's wife, but she is very, very busy to day. Lizzie sends her love and regrets very much she did not see you while in Maine. Her mother was better before she left. She inquired for Charlie at the depot of Charlie Haines, but did not get a glimpse of him.

We have a band of ordinance to assemble here to day. Col. Craig will be along to make his annual inspection this week. Our grounds are looking finely now. Notwithstanding the cold, our gardens bid fair to give us good crops. The strawberries are ripe and green peas & gooseberry sauce &c. &c. furnish us with something good even this early.

I am sorry you cannot come & see how happily we live & how welcome we could make you. Little Ollie Hazzard stayed with me over two weeks while Lizzie was away. He was very homesick after he got to his home proper. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to have you come and Lizzie would be as happy to see her brother as can be.

I cannot write you more this morning but will give you my word you shall very soon have a longer letter. Our kindest regards to Alice & Hellen and don't forget Mrs. Sands. Our love to yourself <Honey>.

Your brother Otis

I had finished my letter, but speaking of Maj. Thornton's family who are here, on the post, I happened to think of an argument against making excuses & explanations. Miss Thornton the Maj's sister is an old maid of the true stamp, very simple, a little opinionated, rather thin & tall, straight as a pipe-stem both in physical structure and in moral deportment. While I was enjoying the chagrins of my widowhood I passed one evening at Maj. Symington's. Mrs. Thorton, Miss Thornton, Mrs. S & Boggs were present. Miss T took me all to herself. I had a straight back chair that rivaled Miss T herself in uprightness, sat near the sofa where Miss T sat on the sofa bolt upright (excuse tautology) facing me & pouring into my ear some of the most simple & trite remarks imaginable in a very affecting manner. My mind was off where my heart was in the meantime (don't tell Lizzie). I looked pleased, said yes, indeed, I'd often thought so, why surely that was surprising, &c. Put in a few ejaculations out of place as an absent man will. My back began to ache and I moved away to a comfortable chair at the other

side of the room. Boggs noticed it and willing to give me a chance to keep my conduct from seeming rude, made some pertinent remark. I replied that I changed my seat for relief, meaning my back. Miss T didn't take though the rest did or at least Boggs did and we had a hearty laugh after we got home over one of my usual Irish blunders. Have I any Irish blood in my veins?

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123 7/21/1855 *From:* Rowland [Howard]

Bowd. Coll.

RBH-088

Source: Bowdoin

Bowd. Coll. July 21, 55

My dear Mother,

I was pained to hear by Dellie's letter that you were ill. I hope that it was but a passing difficulty & that you are by this time fully recovered. I received a letter from Charles today. He is very well & thinks he shall be here on Tuesday of next week & remain till after his Examination which is on the following Friday.

That awfully hot weather has made a great many sick and I hope you have recovered while breathing the pure & invigorating air which yesterday & today have afforded. It seems today as if I could do something & I have accomplished considerable. I have written a theme of seven pages this afternoon, but I had to write it hurriedly & I fear that the Prof will get as impatient while reading it as Dellie did over my last letter.

I think it is quite a compliment to me that three of my classmates have borrowed a large number of my themes to copy this afternoon. They preferred taking mine to writing them themselves. If they could read them I should have no objections, but I don't like to read them over so many times. I have got sick of them. Now if these friends could only return the favor in Calculus, I should be much obliged to them. For I am as deficient there as they are in themes. We are made for many purposes, but I was not made to enjoy the highest branch of Mathematics as Otis says he did.

I dread examination as much as I would a horse whipping with my hands tied behind me. A new feeling with me! I have always felt very confident of success heretofore but as to that calculus I am confident of one thing and that is that I know nothing about it. I must take a leap in the Dark.

I am very glad to hear that you have settled a minister & now I hope the people will support him decently, not for form's sake nor pride's sake, but because they ought to do so. If I had my say I would revive the old parish here. It is too bad for farmers to get rich while ministers starve.

Tell Dellie I am ever so much obliged for his good long letter & I hope to pay him, in kind next term. If you will consent for him to come to commencement I will try to make it pleasant for him. Our Declamation is a week from tomorrow (Monday) night & I shall not leave for home until Friday after Charles' examination.

Tell father that I shall want \$15.00 to finish my expenses this term & get me home.

Hoping to soon see you well & happy. I remain ever

Your affectionate son Rowland

Mrs. E. Gilmore

P.S. I shall want the money as soon as this is received. Our class supper being now due & our Declamation Expenses.

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124 7/22/1855 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dear Brother [RB Howard]

RBH-089

Watervliet Arsenal N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

Watervliet Arsenal N.Y. July 22nd 1855

Dear Brother,

I received your kind letter in good time and was glad to hear of a success, that gratified you so much. Allow me to congratulate you for your good fortune which you seem to regard as a harbinger of that which is to come. Undoubtedly you may judge in some degree of what you will accomplish by your success in the miniature politics of College, for there peculiar talents are brought in requisition, stump-speaking, maneuvering, intriguing influencing others by the smoothness of your tongue, or by the fertility of your researches. You learn to keep cool while others are excited, take much exercise, short walks and long ones – you talk much, read books bearing on points at issue, and make your recitations.

My opinion is, my brother, candidly expressed, that these exciting elections are the greatest sort of nuisances, and that the little good that may be derived, the little knowledge that may be gained by them, is more than twice counterbalanced by the effect they have upon the college, the society itself, and the individuals severally that compose it. Politics is the last thing that a man of high principle and a worthy ambition goes into. Don't be too fast if you want permanent success. We will rejoice at Charlie's success as a scholar, but Rowland you must make the remaining time you are at College tell. I don't care much to hear from the President or others that you have done well. I want you to tell me: Otis, I feel that I have laid the foundation of becoming a good lawyer. I have got just what I need discipline of mind.

Don't think my dear brother I wish to throw cold water and speak discouragingly to you. I will join heartily in congratulation and ever swell the chorus of your just praise, but I know you will feel so much better satisfied a few years hence, when you can see and feel the influence of your College discipline, that I can't help urging you to think less of these things that will bring immediate praise, and make you a smart man at College and think more of the substantial. You know, Rowland, there is not the least danger of your becoming a book-worm, and I wouldn't like you to be in any degree superficial. You must turn upon me and say: "Physician, heal thyself!" So I will. I'll try.

Charlie is going to Brunswick. How I wish I could be with you. I don't wish to recite any more, or pass anymore examinations, but I would like to review the studies that you will have once more and perhaps <injure> Charlie by reading Livi with him. I was requested by Mrs Maj Thornton to hear her son in Latin an hour each day. Her husband is now crossing the Plains on his way to New Mexico, and she cannot well spare her boy from home. He is about fourteen now and his mother thinks him much behind hand. I could not muster courage to refuse her request; and I think it will be beneficial to me to review my Latin, now that I have considerable time on my hands.

Lizzie sits near the table, has been writing her mother. We read to each other much. We have rather confined our reading to light works - as Thackery's works - Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield, &c. - Johnson's Roselas, The Heir of Radcliff - Kenneth Beatrice, Charles O'Malley &c. We did attempt a little history, but got lost in the Decline and Fall, completely prostrated, but when cold weather comes on, we will have grown older & wiser, and will try if McCauley will not revive us. Lizzie and I read the New York papers daily, read the Arrivals, the Army news and the war news. We spend much time pleasantly and profitably together. Mind you, our particular strife is to quarrel less than any other two beings in such relative positions.

I don't hear from home now much. They all seem to consider me hopelessly lost since my marriage. Why I am as much the same as of old as two tubs are alike. I want to know everything – can enter into the details of home affairs as much as if I hadn't a bright-eyed little load-stone here, for you know I am the bigger magnet myself. Lizzie says it is all "humbug". This is a common word here, how she can apply it to a load stone or a magnet is more than my cleverness can explain. She sends her love, says she has to work so hard she has not time to write.

Your affectionate brother Otis

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RBH-090

Watervliet Arsenal

Source: Bowdoin

Watervliet Arsenal Aug 8, 1855

Dear brother,

Allow me to congratulate you on your success in obtaining the prize. I suspect you are considerably vexed at the equal distribution of the dollars between yourself & your honorable contemporary on the stage. It appears also that your whole class did equally well, but you & Mr Watson were elected by a majority vote to fill the high place of prize recipients. Tell us if the Brunswick paper is to to be relied on.

Seth B. has now gone out from his Alma Mater. I hope he will have the wit to behave himself a little more creditably hereafter. He didn't seem to have had a part at Commencement.

What fools these young men are to pay \$800.00 for Dodworth's band. Are there not many in the Class who are poor & in debt? The Portland or Augusta band would give music good enough for anybody to listen to, and but for the Dodworth on the bills more than half the people would be at a loss to distinguish it, from another. I forget though, you are a musician and I am not. I have'nt learned about Charlie's entry yet. I am still under the impression that "the Greek Grammar" is to be "made up". Tell him to correct me. I am anxious to hear from mother. How does she look this summer and how is she? I want her to write me about the places that our father visited in this vicinity. Saratoga is but an hour & half's ride by the cars. I know he was there, but the name of the other town I have forgotten. I would like to know if he mentioned any acquaintances or friends in his letters from this part of New York.

Uncle Ward sent me a paper from Kansas, where his natural and acquired Greatness seem to magnify. He is Col,. W. B. Howard, the original proprietor of the Hudson River R.R. And apparently a man of the highest standing & a great political acquisition to the growing country of Kansas. This paper containing his previous notable points & a slight puff was the first intimation I had that he had migrated,. Tell us any more particulars if you know any.

I have forgotten to speak of the book that I assisted Monsieur Eugene De Courcillon to prepare for publication. It has been before the public about three months. It is Entitled, Le Cure Manque, or the unfinished Curate. The book is a very readible one and to give it a recommendation to you. It is dedicated to "Lieut O. O. Howard, my friend in adversity." I tell you Rowland it is right hard to be a charitable man and not get humbugged. Courcillon has left for Europe. If you were here I could inform you of a few experiences after the style of Oliver Goldsmith, but it is not wise to make an expose in black & white.

I visited Harper's the other day when in N. York. They have a very extensive building at Franklin Square. It is built of iron throughout, fire-proof & splendid. What particularly struck me, was the host of young & hopeful Americans on the broad stairway that leads to the principal room of the Establishment. You have been in New York, and have met at Car-stations & steam-boat landings, boys of every description, crying in every sort of style & on every key of the <Garment> - "Last Harper for June. 20 cts! "New York Herald only 2 cents! &c &c". You have had them with impudence put their papers in your face at every corner, or with humbug humility, beg you to purchase. Just imagine all these beings collected on the steps of Harpers building - some with knees protruding through breeches - some with elbows out - some with one leg covered & some with another - some with tattered caps too big & some with them too small. The Harpers keep one man at the head of the stairs to keep them out. Just imagine Dellie standing in the door of the barn with some corn, which he is dealing out to the hens, by small handsful. You know what a muss they would occasion & how difficult it would be to keep them at a distance. These boys wanted the August nos of Harper - and they flew at the man keeping them at bay - one would get past, then another, while he was putting one back two would get around him. They were boxing each other, throwing their hats and riding down on the banisters, and were on the whole the raggedest, dirtiest, noisiest set of little monkeys I ever saw. Soon after I could hear from every direction: "Harpers for August 20 cents!"

Give my love to all. This letter has been written before breakfast. I took a walk just after 5, returned to the office & here I am. I suspect Lizzie is not up. She don't know I am writing. Yesterday morning I worked two hours & over in the flower garden before breakfast.

Your affectionate brother Otis

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My dear Mother,

Do you get times to feel lonesome any nowadays? I thought that perhaps you might now that we are all gone. So I am writing you as soon as I can. Otis came down here in the morning train yesterday, as he proposed, and remained with me till after dinner and then we went down to Yarmouth. Otis was well & in good spirits. He seemed to be thinking of money and looking out for his finances a little more than usual. He says he will lay up half of his pay, and perhaps come home next Spring for a day or two. Prudence comes with age, mother, and I have no doubt that if Otis and I live some years, you will find us as close-fisted as any friend could wish. But now it is a painful fact that money "takes to itself <ningo>". Otis went into Portland last night at ½ past 6 o'cl, thus making Charles quite a visit & I returned to Brunswick at 7 ½ o'clck, having lost no College exercise except prayers, as we have Wednesday afternoons to prepare our Themes,

Charles is well situated in every respect. Mr Wiggin is an excellent teacher and a pleasant affable, gentlemanly man. The school is large & flourishing & under good discipline. Otis will go to Boston in tonight's Boat, but I think Lizzie will not go with him as she would like to. The journey would injure her and surely the parting would be as hard in Boston as Portland. Charles and I took dinner at Mrs. Frosts last Sabbath and found her family very well. Charles will write you about his visit here.

You recollect David Crawford who was deformed. You saw him at Kents Hill I was one of the bearers at his funeral last Saturday. He died as peacefully as he lived. He was the most Christlike person I every knew – always good, always happy, never doing wrong, and apparently never thinking wrong. His minister said truly that in his death "Earth lost but Heaven gained".

Dellie wrote me almost three pages yesterday & told me about his school affairs. I shall answer him soon. Remember me to Miss Collier, if She is still at Capt Turners. You will now see her and your other neighbors oftener since you have been relieved of a part of your care.

Tell Father that I think that if some Whigs had known that Mr. Morrill would have come so near an Election and missed of it, they would have voted for him. Mr Forswith, to whom I gave that elocution said he expected to have the money a week ago last Saturday, but I have not received it. The man said he would pay \$25.00. I should like to use the money towards my Expences here, if agreeable as it will cure some troubles of sending home.

Write me soon, Mother and tell me about yourself & your family.

Your affectionate son Rowland

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127 10/1/1855 *From:* O. O. Howard

To: Dear Brother [RB Howard]

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Watervliet Arsenal N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

Watervliet Arsenal N.Y. October 1st 1855

Dear Brother,

We have received two letters from you since either myself or Lizzie has written you. I wrote to Charlie as soon as we learned from you that he was ill, but have heard nothing since. Has he recovered and returned to his studies? I am still anxious about him, but I think mother would write if he were not convalescent.

We are still getting on bravely & independently. I say independently, for we have a house & carriage of our own, and can ride where & when we please, go off on short fishing excursions or attend Barnum's baby show at Albany. You know everybody's own horse is the best – the same holds true with ours. His name is Malech, the Grand-son of those Arabians that were presented to Van Buren I think. Malech was brought up by Maj Symington from a colt. Is between 8 and ten years of age, finely proportioned and purely white. He is active and playful and yet very gentle, and as good a saddle horse as I ever saw. Lizzie likes him very much, pats him & feeds him and rides after he when he goes full speed without looking terrified.

My carriage is what they call in this country a "covered Buggy", we call it a four wheeled carriage. It is quite a nice second-hand one that I bought for seventy five dollars. I wish you would come and have a ride after our horse. I would take you to Cohoes falls on the Mohawk, to Saratoga springs & lake, to Albany, to Waterford, &c.

Waterford is where father stopped when he was in this part of N. York and where Edward came from. It is about five miles above on the Hudson. I learned the other day that the proprietor of the Hotel when father stopped at W is driving an Express between that place and Troy. I thought I would look him up but have not seen him yet.

I generally ride Malech about the post on horse back, the day I am Officer of the day, and drive Lizzie out somewhere every second day. This gives me plenty of exercise in the open air which makes me feel stronger & beautifies my countenance with sundry coats of tan. I have had quite a fishing mania of late and manage to keep the breakfast table pretty well supplied with a variety of the scaly tribe.

Lizzie has threatened to tell you that I have the toothache (tobacco tooth-ache) very frequently and that I have had a slight touch of it to night, but I believe she concluded to cry over it instead. I had the above without minding the parentheses that she inserted while I stopped to think. She is writing to her mother at the same table with me. The latter is coming to us as soon as she can make the necessary arrangements, perhaps in two or three weeks. I think she will enjoy herself here now we have a cow for milch & butter and a horse & carriage to ride.

I don't care now how long we are supposed to remain here. It is inconvenient to have too many articles for a distant removal, but I could easily take my horse to any place excepting to West Point. Maj Symington is now away on a Court of Inquiry at West Point, has been gone about a week; so there but two officers of us on the Post. The duties however are not arduous at all.

Perry & Silas have both visited me since I wrote you, though not at the same time. Perry came here I think Friday morning & staid till four in the afternoon & Silas came the Sunday following (a week ago). The latter was on his way to visit his mother, before she left in Perry's vessel for Calais. Both were in fair health & spirits and seemed much improved. Perry is master of a small vessel, but is making money very fast. He has been more than usually fortunate. His wages are \$150.00 per month, and he has a grand chance to speculate in various commodities.

How did you get on at the Exhibition? I am glad to hear that you are doing well in your studies, for this is your last year of College life, and most likely you will never have another drill in the Elementary branches. You

cannot possibly retain all that you are crammed with, but you will have at your disposal if you are diligent much that will come in play hereafter. I presume you are purposing and prognosticating a little. You are 21 in seventeen days from date I believe. Tell us something of the inner man.

You spoke once of the improvements that you propose in our little burying ground. I have nothing ahead just now, father has my note for 200 00/100 dollars. Still you will have my hearty cooperation in anything of the kind and I will try to give whatever pecuniary assistance is requisite.

Lizzie sends her love to you. Write soon & tell Charlie to write if he is returned. We are having very cold weather here, cold enough for fires. Occasionally I go to toast my feet in the kitchen, but we have had no fire in our furnace yet. Good night.

Your affectionate brother O. O. Howard