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To: Dear Brother [RB Howard]

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Ordnance Depot Fort Brooke Fla

Source: Bowdoin

Ordnance Depot Fort Brooke Fla March 15, 1857.

Dear Brother,

Please acknowledge this letter on receipt. I have been to church this morning & listen till very good sermon indeed addressed to the children of the Sabbath school. It was very simple & plain & quite earnest. Our preacher, the only one in the village or city has an Irishman & a Methodist. I understand he was formerly a Catholic Priest. He has the "sweet Irish broke", more than pleases my ear, but he seems a very sincere & good man, and as there is no other opportunity for Church Service I have resolved to go & hear him when I can.

I hardly know where you are just now. Lizzie writes me from Lewiston that I may direct my letters to all burn or Lewiston, but I have been directing them to Leeds. I thought she would certainly decide to go there. I want to hear from Mother. I am afraid Mother won't attribute it to the proper motive if she doesn't go there. Lizzie things that I will miss you very much. Just think, he should learn to say Uncle before he did Papa! Lizzie has given me a good history of the journey & visit in Boston & vicinity. I got her last letter from Lewiston in 10 days from the time it was mailed.

I am living in my Office now. Bed & fixings on one side, desks on the other, chairs between - room enough for a bachelor. Had less space at Yarmouth and not much more that West Point. It is rather lonely up here. It is such a boxed up place, nobody can find his way.

General Harney has gone into the field, into the "Big Cypress". I gave an account of the Skirmish is going in Lizzie's last letter & also in a letter to Dellie. I also wrote to Jackson of Albany the particulars. Never mind if Lizzie does write all the news. Different observers take different views. She might notice Guy's bearing & personal attractions & new his mental proclivities. Lee C. C. told me his language was labial. My lips were instantly in motion. How can he say and are uncle with his lips. Lizzie would notice people & tell how they were dressed & how they behave. You might peep behind the scene that every man & woman is obliged to keep between him or her & him or her neighbor. In brief I like different accounts of similar people & things.

Tell me about Uncle Ensign. You understand & appreciate him, about Mother, how she is looking and what she has to say. What she thinks of Florida. I was father, & what is he busying himself about. How is domestic life just under the hill - Roland, Cynthia & the boy. But why should I dictate. Make the most of your money my dear brother & get in debt as little fish can. Your many blessings. I don't want you to talk or think about poverty, there is no fear in that direction.

It is getting dark & I am sorry to be obliged closed letter with so little in it, but give my love to mother & father, and remember that my heart is in the right place.

[The closing has been cut out. The following had been added to the back of the letter.] March 28th, 1857 March 28th, 1857 Rowland B. Howard the above-named individual wrote this & now subscribes. Rowland B. Howard

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Ordnance Depot Fort Brooke Fla

Source: Bowdoin

Ordnance Depot Fort Brooke Fla. March 24th /57

Dear Brother,

I received your letter from Bath by the last Mail. At the same time came one from Mother and two from Lizzie. I give you full credit for your diligence & success in bringing your "convoy" safely to Lewiston. Lizzie writes me she will be glad to spend the summer at Leeds and as Mother & myself would be glad to have her do so, I presume it is so fixed upon by this time. You must not press father too hard. His affairs may come out bright yet. He has done much for us and now we are old enough to do much for ourselves. In any way I can assist you I will do so with pleasure. You must put your account in some shape. Give Lizzie your note for the amount running to me without interest. I think I can let you have enough to defray your expenses at either Cambridge or Albany. Go ahead & write me often what it costs you. I will keep you out of Jail if you are careful.

Since my armorer has come I have got quite a workshop. We are now repairing Rifles. I am going to make all the repairs I can to save transporting everything to Baton Rouge & back again.

I have laid out quite a large garden and planted the most of it. Last night just before sunset I set out a large bed of tomato plants. We need rain very much. The sun is very hot already and the ground too dry for anything to grow. You are not troubled that way I presume, though it will be April before you get this. I haven't seen much winter this year.

What do you think of the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court - the Missouri compromise unconstitutional, and a colored man cannot be a citizen of the United States? Isn't it strange what different ideas of law appertain to different sections of country. The same section is understood differently by a man residing in Virginia & a resident of Massachusetts. "Congress has the power to make all needful rules & regulations &c." means that Congress has no power at all by the Constitution. Well, let the dear people fight it out. The papers state that Governor Geary has resigned. Who is to take his place? I don't get the news very regularly down here and when I do it is 10 days later than you have it. I wish I had directed a triweekly from New York to be sent me when I was there.

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greatest burden of care when age is approaching. At the beginning of the game a man can look fortune boldly in the face, for he can repair a misstep or recover from a failure, but not so at 65. I hope and trust all will be for the best. If I could I would help Father out of his difficulties. Don't be too earnest about your rights my dear brother, let us give comfort and God will reward us. By pressing steadily & vigorously at the wheel, we can roll it round, make for ourselves an independent establishment & be men that are men. I wish you would ask father if he was dissatisfied with the part I took in the sale of that land at Augusta, and with the charge I made. I understood he didn't like it. I was sorry I made any charge at all and I shouldn't if I hadn't thought he wanted me to. I supposed this, that he would allow in the settlement with Smith what he actually realized from the sale & no more. It is a past thing but I would like for curiosity's sake to know if he disapproved of the course I took. Will you ask mother if my note running to her has been destroyed or if it was sent to me? I have forgotten, but presume it is all right. I mean the one for \$1600.

You spoke of the Dred Scott decision. I read Judge Curtis's opinion, and I told Lt. Hazzard, I could think how his could have been so "pat" to mine without consulting me. Now isn't the subject well handled. S. Court no jurisdiction in that case. Men of color can be citizens of the United States, and the Missouri compromise is constitutional. Moreover "Congress" actually "shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules & regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States;". With coolness, calmness,

dignity & sound argument, he met every issue and showed how Chief Justice Taney slipped up on a mere question of fact. Good! Give the man his premises and he can prove that none of us are citizens. But the Authority of Gentlemen Judges, had better be confined to cases of proper jurisdiction. Volunteer opinions are not over-much respected.

The Circuit Court is in session here now, Judge King presiding. There are several lawyers here but I reckon you could whip any of them but Mr. Hart of Key West. He weighs 200 & 15, but like all fleshy & big men, he is very clever in the English & American sense of clever. I meant to have attended court last week but didn't get the leisure. One of the lawyers is a young man by the name of Rogers, a very pleasant fellow of five & twenty. He is called Colonel. He was the leader in one of those southern expeditions to relieve Cuba, had under him some six hundred men on the Steamer Pampina, now called the "Swany" & been recently in Government service between this & N. Orleans.

Write what you please, it don't hurt news to read it twice, when told by different persons. Tell Leeds people, two more Indians have been killed & one squaw taken near Fort Capron and a camp of women & children surprised in the Big Cypress, but all escaped. They can out run pursuit & soldiers don't want to kill women & babies. Good gracious. What a part of the rising generation you enumerate. How many young people we will meet in the world, whom we can tell: "we knew your fathers & mothers."

Your affectionate brother O. O. Howard

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150 3/31/1857 *From:* Rowland [RB Howard]

Leeds

To: C. H. Howard

RBH-115

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds March 31st, 1857

Dear Brother Charles

Strange to say I have received yours dated this morning today! I was a little surprised that you should be so careless as not to mention the receipt of the money the very first thing as you should always do, then do not say anything about it.

I wished you to send Otis' letter to Ella immediately, if I did not imply as much, it was an oversight. You have now had it a week! She has been quite unwell some of the time since I was there. Her father had quite a bad attack of spitting blood a week ago last Sat. night. Miss Patton and then Lizzie came here last Wednesday. Ella expressed a hope that you might bring her the letter. I hope it will be convenient for you to do so, if not, do write a line & send it as soon as you receive this. I supposed you would send it by the next mail after its recpt & wrote her accordingly.

The "trial" must have been a very amusing affair. Is there nothing said about the townhouse incendiary? Uncle Henry, Aunt M. J., Lizzie & Carrie came down here from Uncle Ensign's where they have been making a visit, yesterday. Uncle H. seems much changed. He says he is determined to live an upright, Christian life. It is three months since he adopted family prayer & has observed other Christian duties. I never liked him so well as now. He is kind, courteous, honest-minded, & seems cheerful, contented & happy. He says he is happier in his family than ever before & thinks it is because he tries to do what is right. Uncle Henry expects to go to Richmond, Ind. In May & his family.

Some of the drifts are still pretty deep & the mud ditto, but today has made quite a change & I am in hopes the roads will be passable by the time you come home, in less than three weeks, if I understand you. Roscoe goes to P. O. on horseback. He will return to his mother the last of the week. Father's "hired boy" came tonight. His name is Larrabee & he worked for Warren Mower last year. Mother is quite well and likes her girl. Dellie went out to Wales, Monmouth & Winthrop "to peddle" Monday morning. We don't expect him home till Sat. night. Roscoe carried him to Monmouth. I suppose Lizzie's accouchment will take place sometime in May. I am delaying here partly that I may see her well situated for such a trying scene, & her husband absent. I am going to try to get a nurse sometime this week & then I think I shall go to Lewiston or somewhere & to work. I am fairly dissatisfied with myself tonight for this idleness.

Write me tomorrow evening if you please. You may see me before the Term is out, but it is uncertain. We here are all well. I carried Guy down to Capt. Turner's today & to the barn where we have a beautifully marked white & red Calf. I have tapped 12 trees & we have a little sap & a very little "Syrup" for the children. Mrs. Turner (Capt.) remains quite sick, also Sanford Gilbert. Mr. Snyders school is prospering & I am now as always

Your most affectionate Brother Rowland

C. H. Howard

Mr. Lee gave me this gold pen but I don't think it writes very well do you?

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P. S. I wish I could get you a declamation but I have positively no means. You must set about it with decision & perseverance yourself.

Lecilo Cepr. 7th. 1857

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151 4/7/1857 From: Rowland [RB Howard] To: Brother Charles [CH Howard] RBH-112 Leeds Source: Bowdoin Leeds

Leeds Apr. 7th, 1857

Dear Brother Charles

I am sorry you did not think my letter of sufficient importance to command an immediate reply as I requested. Sickness is the only excuse for such a delay, or your letter may have miscarried. If you are sick, Charles, I wish you would let Billy write. Mother needn't know it, if you don't wish to worry her. I could stay with you now as well or not.

Ella received yours & Otis' letter Friday last! She was quite ill yesterday & the day before & I am feeling quite uneasy about her. One of her eyes was badly affected.

Dellie wrote us Sunday night from Hallowell. He was "homesick" & talked of going to Brunswick. Have you seen him? He has a hard time & I pity him.

Aunt Martha Jane & Lizzie Strickland are here still - sick with the mumps. Lizzie & Guy will have them about the time you get home. Uncle Henry went to Boston Friday from here & is to meet Father at Hallowell tomorrow. Uncle John was Aunt's Trustee for property left her by Grandfather. They are going to see how much can be saved from the <wreck>. The R. R. Affairs look brighter & I am in hopes now that they will be able to lay the track to Farmington & meet their liabilities as they accrue. I hope so for Father's sake.

I had a letter from Otis tonight.. He writes in his usual good spirits, is much troubled by flies & heat! Warren Lothrop was made 2nd Lieut. by Pierce & Davis the 3rd of March. He is now at home awaiting orders. His Regiment is in Fla where he expects to join them soon.

I went to Lewiston yesterday on business for uncle Henry, got a good wetting, but feel well enough today.

Roscoe has gone home for good. The Larabee boy got "homesick" & left in a day. George Longley is here and is to work for Father. I blistered my hands today splitting logs. Otis thinks I'd better not go to Lewiston & I guess I shan't. Wonder who they elected in Portland today. I anticipate a very close vote. The odor of John Robbins still hangs around the Republicans there. Did you receive the money or not? Mother & the rest of the family are well. Guy is much obliged for his catalogue.

Your aff Brother Rowland

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Fort Brooke Fla

Source: Bowdoin

Fort Brooke Fla May 10th '57

My dear brother,

I had resolved & re-resolved that my next letter should be to mother. I wrote you by the last mail but after that letter was put in the office I took out one from you. It surprised me somewhat but I feel glad in my heart for you. You seem to me now (pardon the compliment) to have done the one thing needful to make you a man. I don't think with you that you were a check upon me & hindered me from giving myself wholly to Christ. The minister said today that it required great care to remain a Christian after one became one. That the man who rejected Grace was not so badly off as the man who fell from Grace. Now don't let me throw any cold water or be any damper upon you. It is a practical matter. You have got your feet into the right, the narrow path, stick to it & walk on it. I haven't yet got that frame of mind, but I can bid you God speed. I know mother must be happy at this change.

I will cheerfully comply with your suggestion as to myself. I will try to strengthen my Faith by the help of the Holy Spirit. I do not neglect to read the Bible, though I confess I give it too little time & too little thought.

A little boy has come in to see me - Guy McKinstry, two yrs old. He, of course, makes me think of Guy. I should like to be journeying northward now, but I fear they will keep me here till everything connected with this campaign has been settled up. But it is better to complete what you undertake, than to leave it half done. I have written to Warren Lothrop to answer some important practical questions he asked me in a letter I received from him yesterday evening. After Mr. Snyder leaves Leeds, who will replace him?

What was the matter with her (that was Martha J. Brewster?) Write me about Lizzie, how she seems, if restless & unhappy or contented. I think of taking a trip starting tomorrow night in the Steamer Ranger to Ponta Bassa & Fort Myers, and before I get back I may go to Key West & the Posts on the Eastern coast. I think the trip will stir my blood up a little & be beneficial. I got quite intimate with a lawyer Mr. Hart from Key West & I hope some duty may take me down there. I would like to visit him & his family. I also know Judge King very well, but he being a bachelor has no family of his own.

I thought it was funny you were writing to me in the third person, but was taking it all to myself till I got over on the second page of the cross writing. This reminded me of a case that I heard of, of a young officer who was recently married to a lady in Ohio - Lieut. Myers. He wrote two letters one to his father in Pennsylvania & the other to his lady in Ohio, and by some inadvertence directed the lady's letter to his father & his father's to the lady. The consequence was that the father had the first intimations from this lone letter that his son was in love. But it didn't break off the match, though the father of Myers thought the story & letter too good to keep.

I would write more but the time has come for me to close my letter. I will write you by & by less in haste. I hope God will remain with you and prosper you in his Grace. Pray for me always & believe me

You're very affectionate brother OO Howard

My love to all.