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Waterbury Arsenal
Jan. 5th 1854

My dear Mother,

The day I left you I went to Portland as I intended and staid till 9 o'clock on Wednesday - I went thence to Albany direct reaching that place about eleven o'clock the same night. Thursday morning I took the cars and found myself at home before 7^{1/2} o'clock. So I got back just at the expiration of my leave.

I had a good journey, nothing alarming of importance. It is rather tedious to go from Portland to Albany the same day, especially when the ride from Springfield to Albany comes on the last end, for you get weary with riding by the time you reach that place, and there have to go on the roughest road I ever rode on. I write to let you know of my safe arrival - My love to all - I do haste

Yours Affectionately
O. B. Howard