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Waterloo Arsenal N. Y.

May 29<sup>th</sup> 1855

Dear Mother,

I must write you a wee bit of a letter tonight as it is already late. Never mind though, for my letters always get beyond the original intention. My little wife has gone to Maine, which makes a sort of breathing point in my happiness. Though I am not sure but I enjoy a little solitude, so as to think over the past three months I think how much somebody to love always with you, adds to your comfort & contentment.

Let others say what they will. Lizzie is more than a good wife to me my dear mother, for besides her affection for her husband which is of the first importance she has good common sense to guide her. But you don't want to hear a fond husband praise his wife. So here's for

other matters. Lizzie & I left here  
last Wednesday for Boston. On  
arriving there I went immediately  
to Uncle Henry's. Here we staid  
all night. I took Lizzie to the  
cars at 7 o'clock in the morning  
and checked & ticketed her for Auburn  
Me. The cars ran off I left me alone  
at the depot. I went to Mr Pease  
office in Tremont Street - after some  
delay <sup>met</sup> ~~met~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~my~~ uncle there John Otis  
there. He seemed glad to see me  
but I thought him much changed - He  
has lost that alacrity & sprightliness  
that he used to have - and to look him  
in the face & converse with him  
one would think him absent-minded.  
He does not speak so encouragingly  
about William's fair prospects in the  
law as I had anticipated. He has  
to render him much assistance - says  
he would be willing to pay half, but  
has now to pay even more. Lizzie will

go to Leeds very soon. She has Aunt  
Martha James' earnest request for you  
to pay her a visit. I went from  
Mr Deane's office to Brattle Street  
took an Omnibus (full of Women) for  
East Cambridge. I wrote Lizzie the  
particulars of that journey how I came  
near running away with a woman's  
"borrowed child" &c. I got a fine welcome  
at Cousin Eliza's from all. She wants you  
to accompany Lizzie to Boston if you  
can anyway in the world. She sends her  
love to you. The little boys Allie & Roddie  
took me to ride - we went to see Cousin  
Martha Martin. & thence to  
Watertown Arsenal, where Capt. Wainwright  
is now in command. The boys & myself  
had a fine ride & a fine time. Allie  
returned with me to Waterbury - and  
is now here having a fine time -  
I stayed at Mr Hazard's till the next  
morning (Friday) when Mr Hazard took  
me to the Depot for Springfield. Allie will

remain with me till the middle of  
next week, when he will have to  
return to his school. He is asleep  
now or he might have some message  
for Delle. Allice said she would  
be delighted to have Delle go to East  
Cambridge & make the boys a visit.

I tried to send <sup>you</sup> a hundred dollars by  
Lizzie - had it laid aside, but found  
it pinched me rather too closely. Travelling  
Expenses count up so much. She has forty  
dollars I may add enough to make it  
a hundred, towards the note. I don't  
like to have money anywhere that  
I owe & pay interest for any length  
of time, so I will pay it up as I  
can ~~saving~~ little by little. I think you  
have been to Montville to see Aunt  
Fanny - You have not written me  
this long while - I trust my dear  
mother that you are well - and hope  
to meet you in Boston - when I go  
for Lizzie - My love to all -

Affectionately your son Otho