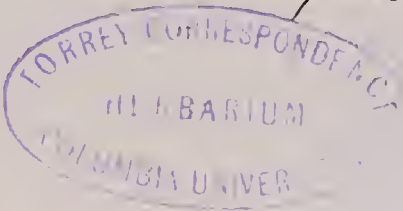


Washington March 8. 1853

Dear Sir,

I herewith forward a letter from Dr Bigelow to myself, and a portion of his report. The letter will explain his wishes. Will you return it as soon as possible, that it may be on hand to be turned in with the other documents to the Public Printer.

Have you had any communication with the Secy of War or with Capt. Humphreys, regarding the engraving of the illustrations to the Geological reports?



Very Respectfully

Your obt servant

To
Prof: Geo: Torrey L. L. D.

New York City

A. W. Whipple



FUNERAL OF GENERAL WHIPPLE.

Correspondence of the Journal of Commerce.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 16, 1863.

A scene was exhibited this afternoon, Saturday, in the streets of this old and quiet city, which, in solemnity and impressiveness, was never equaled by any similar occurrence here. The entire population seemed to be moved by the intelligence of General Whipple's death, and to have turned out to shed an unavailing tear, and do honor to his memory. General Whipple was not a native of this city, or, indeed, of New Hampshire, but of Weston, Mass. He married into one of the most respectable families of this city, and often resided here, and hence the report and belief that he was a son of Portsmouth and New Hampshire. He was well known by our most respectable citizens, all of whom unite in awarding him the highest character as a gentleman and a scholar, while his moral principles were of the highest and most inflexible order, and his public and private life alike beyond reproach. Handsome in form, graceful in manners, and courteous to all with whom he met, he was still modest and unobtrusive; and occupied with study at home, seldom appeared in the street. All who knew him here, write in one testimony as to his ability and private worth. Heroic in the field, as many a battle and his self-forgetfulness at his lamented death, prove him to have been, he was still fond of books and science, comparing with the equally lamented Maj.-Gen. Mitchel, better, probably, than any other officer in the army.

The city authorities having been informed that his body would arrive in the afternoon train, took measures to secure all possible respect. Flags in the navy yard, in the harbor, and in the town, were at half-mast all day; and in the afternoon all business was suspended and the stores closed. A portion of the Governor's horse guards, a detachment of the 2nd New Hampshire regiment, now at Fort Constitution, which has seen much hard service from the first Bull Run battle down to a recent date, a body of marines from the navy yard, under Captain Reynolds, the home guard, a company composed of our most respectable citizens, and the Portsmouth band, were drawn up in the principal square at an early hour, when a procession was formed, headed by Admiral Storer, and Commodore Pearson and others in carriages, and followed by the Mayor and city authorities, and a large number of the citizens. At the arrival of the train, at half-past five, P.M., all the bells began to toll, and continued to toll till sunset. The procession having proceeded to the depot, received the body of the fallen hero, and conveying it through the principal streets with solemn music to Mount Auburn cemetery, about a mile distant, silently committed it to the tomb, and then returned. The body was attended from Washington by four of General Whipple's staff, while his widow and three children returned at the same time to occupy again the sad old family mansion. Every human being in the city seemed to line the streets, and sorrow could not well be more universal and sincere. The cemetery is one of the finest in the country, and contains the body of Levi Woodbury, among others less known.

