

Confidential

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Dear Bush

Judge Nelson is here -- is not going to take his family. Judge Pratt advised him not to, and Pratt will not take his as I believe. Nor does he ever intend to move to Oregon as I think. He may -- says he shall -- leave N.Y. on the 13th of this month. When you get agoing just give the administration issue for quartering men on us and go in for having men in Oregon affronted. Not being able to import Whigs enough, they have removed Lamsdale to make way for a New York Whig. Keep your eye on Pratt for I believe him an unprincipled scoundrel, and that he returns to Oregon for base purposes. Just blow up the idea of men coming to Oregon to hold offices with their families in the states. The Cayuse war bill & Post of Entry bill were signed today.

In haste

Thurston.