

Portland Apl 18 1857

Dear Bush

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Mollane who kept the house where the affray took place keeps a gambling house the affair creates considerable excitement here.

I herewith send that communication on printing which if you think it worth any thing you can do what you please with, if you think it not worth publishing let it go, and I shant care.

I should have copied it again but could not possibly do it--- have you inquired at the Post office for me----- We will send you a list of subscribers this week. We have not yet got an opportunity to send to your Hill.

I have no idea that Dryer will attack you, He seems to be very sensitive about "runaway" and thinks as near as I can learn that (from what I said at the meeting some time since, and your notice of him in the Statesman) there is some report abroad about his having run some time (perhaps he has) but I never thought of such a thing when I said what I did-----

He should never grumble of personal attacks he called you the 'pet' of Thurston". Accused Thurston of taking fees of both parties in law suit (for which he might be made liable for slander) has been continually attacking King, has attack Leland and myself and intimated that we would have to run away the very thing of which he complains- all this is hardly consistent, he should not assume to himself what he does not allow to others.

I have bought you a pistol. I tried all round to borrow one but found every body wanted to sell; the man says it sure to go I could not find colts

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in haste

R P Boise

Portland Apr 12 1851

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