

Lafayette May 4th 1851

Friend Bush

Last evening found me safely housed in my petit eight by ten domicile, after a pleasant ride from Oregon City. I dont think my donkey would pronounce the Statesman "light reading", if he could be conscious of what gave additional weight to my saddle bags on the way up. To compensate for this, it was pleasing to be able to accomodate the anxious crowd who were waiting for the news. I have just seen the last Star and Oregonian. The "little joker", still shoots his pop gun, Certainly the eds. on printing have cause to rejoice at least. The affair will give them a notoriety, if not immortality. The Star is pluming his feathers upon being "the first dem paper &c" Says "he will nobly defend &c Chivalric! decidedly so. He must have been laboring under the fumes of a pot of small beer when he wrote that article. The whig movement to elect Logan still moves on. They are resorting to all manner of subterfuges to accomplish their purpose. Nothing shall be wanting upon my part to defeat them if I can and I think I can. I wish when it comes in the way you would sound Lovejoy a little, he has some relations in this county some of whom I understand will vote against me. Perhaps he might influence them to vote for me. I intended to speak to him myself, but did not get a chance.

The triumph press, have made their appearance in the weeds of mourning for the death of Thurston. It reminds me of paid mourners in a funeral procession or the tears of a young spendthrift upon the death of a rich relative. It is as the poet says.-

"Some are deemed to weep, because a decent veil conceals their joy.

I wish Lane could shake off these whig politicians from his skirts, If not, the day will come when he will regret it, and the democratic party also. He will be compelled to shew his hand in Congress and then with some plausability, they will cry treachery, he will fall back upon the democrats and they must sustain him. They had better do it now, while the coast is clear. When you can suggest the propriety electing democrats to the next legislature.

You may put Lemuel Scott down upon your list. He intends to take the paper. A I Membree has come home from the mines. I dont think he will take the paper, still I would send it on. He will go for Logan. G-d D-m him, a pretty dem. He does not say so publicly, but I have always been well convinced of the fact. Logan is a tool of his, or he of Logans, it is hard to say which.

I wish you would get a copy of the act passed last winter legalizing the collection of revenue in this county for the year 1849 and publish it. It is short. Some of these whigs are telling some lies about it up here.

It has rained steadily all day, and so far tonight (11 o'clock) I wanted to start to the country tomorrow, but fear I must put it off, until it dries a little. I tell the people publicly that I have no fears of my election, but between ourselves I think it somewhat

doubtful. However I can tell better after a while. I dont want to see a whig elected, and will not if I can help it.

Sincerely your

friend

H P Deady

A Bush Esq  
Ed. Statesman

Write soon

*[The reverse side of the letter is covered in dense, cursive handwriting. The text is mostly illegible due to the cursive style and overlapping lines. Some legible fragments include:]*

*Lafayette*  
*May 16*  
*A. Bush Esq*  
*Editor Statesman*  
*Oregon City*

*[Red wax seals are visible at the top and bottom center of the page.]*

Lafayette May 4<sup>th</sup> 1857  
Friend Bush,  
Last evening found me  
safely housed in my little night by the  
domestic after a pleasant ride from  
Oregon City. I don't think my donkey  
would pronounce the Statesman "light  
reading" if he could be conscious of what  
gave additional weight to my saddle bags  
on the way up. To compensate for this, it  
was pleasing to be able to accommodate the  
anxious crowds who were waiting for  
the news. I have just seen the last Star  
and Oregonian. The "litterer" still shoots  
his pop gun. Certainly the com's out sprinting  
have cause to rejoice at least. The affair  
will give them a notoriety, if not immortal-  
ity. The Star is pluming his feathers upon  
being "the first dem. paper" & says "he will  
nobly defend" & "chivalric" decidedly so. He  
must have been laboring under the fumes  
of a pot of small beer when he wrote that  
article. The whig movement to elect Logan  
still moves on. They are resorting to all  
manner of subterfuge to accomplish  
their purpose. Nothing shall be wanting  
upon my part to defeat them if I can

and I think I can. I wish when it comes  
in the way you would sound Lovjoy a  
little. he has some relations in this County  
some of whom I understand will vote  
against me. Perhaps he might influ-  
ence them to vote for me. I intended to  
speak to him myself, but did not get  
a chance.  
The train prep. have made their  
appearance in the weeds of mourning for  
the death of Thurston. It reminds me of  
paid mourners in a funeral procession,  
or the tears of a young spendthrift upon  
the death of a rich relative. It is as the  
poet says -  
Some are deen'd to weep, because a decent  
vie conceal their joy.  
I wish Logan could shake off these whig  
politicians from his skirts. If not, the day  
will come when he will regret it, and  
the democratic party also. He will be  
compelled to show his hand in Congress and  
then with some plausibility, they will cry  
treachery, he will fall back upon the dem-  
ocrat and they must sustain him. They  
had better do it now, while the coast is  
clear. When you can suggest the propri-  
ety electing Democrats to the next Legisla-  
ture.

You may put Samuel Scott down upon  
your list. He intends to take the paper, &  
D. Hornum has come home from the mines.  
I dont think he will take the paper, still  
I would send it on. He will go for  
Logan, G-d d-m him, a pretty dem.  
He does not say so publicly, but I have  
always been well convinced of the fact.  
Logan is a tool of his, or he of Logans,  
it is hard to say which.

I wish you would get  
a copy of the act passed last winter  
legalising the collection of Revenue in  
our this County for the year 1848. and publish  
it. It is short. Some of these whigs are  
telling some lies about it up here.

It had rained steadily all day,  
and so far to night (11 o'clock.) I wanted  
to start to the country to morrow, but fear  
I must put it off, until it dries a little.  
I tell the people publicly that I have no  
fears of my election, but between  
ourselves I think it somewhat doubtful.  
However I can tell better after a while.  
I dont want to see a whig elected, and  
will not if I can help it.

A Bush Esq  
Ed. Statesman

Sincerely your  
friend

Write soon.

McT Dady