

Buteville May 29th 1851

Friend Bush

I arrived here yesterday evening, after a rambling romantic ride, through the fern and brush wood of the Wallamette bottoms. For a

I followed from the lower end of Chehalam valley, the devious windings of an old indian trail, now almost as nearly obliterated as the tawny race who made it. I left my horse here and in company with C Geer went down to Shorts (4 ms) and have just returned. It has rained all day, part of the way we paddled in a canoe, the rest we waded through the fern on foot, dripping wet.

Short had reced your letter. I am confident it done some good, and renew my acknowledgements. I will get here perhaps ten or twelve votes by coming down as I think they did not intend to go to the election. A the hottest Thurston men you ever saw. Still the old man was a good friend of mine & all good democrats.

I still think I will be elected, and must think so until after the election, "A faint heart never won a fair lady."

What the hell are they running Dr. Wilson for. Sam Parker is stumping it for him Polk County. However I have enough to do to hoe my own corn. As fast as I get one lie confuted, explained, or mystified, another comes up, their name is legion, Dam it. I wish twas decided, and it will soon, only four days more. The Hoosier passed here just now on the way up to Yamhill. She will back tomorrow. I leave this letter here to be sent down to you. I start home tomorrow morning early. I shall be out until sometime Sunday. I will give you an account of the election by the first opportunity.

Ever yours

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A Bush Esq
Oregon City

N.B. I think this will equal any of your scrawls in point of execution.

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Butteville May 28th 1851

Friend Bush

I arrived here yesterday evening, after a rumbling romantic ride, through the fern and birch wood of the Wallamette bottom. For a road I followed from the lower end of Chehalis valley, the devious windings of an old indian trail, now almost admirably obliterated as the lawny race who made it. I left my horse here and in company with G. Cur went down to Short's (4 m) and have just returned. It has rained all day, part of the way we paddled in a canoe, the rest we did through the fern on foot, dripping wet.

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A. Bush Esq }
Oregon City } Dear Yours,
Sincerely

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