

Private

Asahel Bush esq

Yoncalla O.T.
8th November 1851

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Jesse Applegate

Bonanza O.T. 3, Price 3.
11th Nov. 1857.

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Editor of the
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Oregon City

Wm. A. Applegate

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