

Salem Feby 18th 1852

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"J D Boons Esq" .

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Your bond is herewith returned"

"Very Respectfully
Your obt servant
Jon P. Gainis"

Said letter (you can rely upon it) is truly copied. If it will be any service to you in framing an editorial I hope you will use it.

I have no time to write more please write & let me know when you will want the journal:
And as soon as any provision is made for geting our pay for last winters work I would like to know it also: you will hear first please make it known.

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B. F. Harding

Idaho Feb 15th 1852

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