

Hemith Mills July 1863

Dear Dush

Since I left Salem I have been thinking about the matter you spoke to me of when these to the commissioners to revise the laws. As I shall probably have considerable leisure on my hands for the coming year I should like to act in the capacity of one of the commissioners, and I would be much obliged to you for any influence you would exert to procure for me that appointment. I suppose that the Federal officer party will do all they can to prevent my getting the appointment. Stark and various others will do what they can to prevent it. I cannot get a single vote on that side of the house and unless our friends are united there will be trouble in selecting the commissioners and I would not wish to be preferred unless I could be chosen. There would be no difficulty I think in the Council but in the house I have little idea how the matter would stand. When you mentioned this matter to me I had not thought of the difficulty that may stand in the way; I wish you would write when you receive this and say what you think of the prospect of getting the appointment.

Hemith is getting on as usual- all are well. The snow has been 2 feet deep here but it pretty much all gone now---- We did not get any thing by last mail- your papers did not come. We are getting behind the age.

Yours truly

R P Boise

Storniths Mills 4 July 1858

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