

Portland June 1st 1863

Dear Bush

If I had not have been the most virtuous and patient of men I would have "sworn" if not as "terribly as our army did in Flanders" as least as sincerely and no doubt with better reason. What in the name of common sense makes you so careless? I expect nothing less than that you have left the private correspondence of your friends laying scattered about the old Statesman office in Oregon City, and that sooner or later like the "Orphan Boys" petition for a judgeship it will see the light in the columns of the Oregonian. It would be a dish for an epicure in such matters. Hereafter, for God's Sake, as soon as you read my scrawls burn them. Adopt the Pirates motto "Dead men tell no tales."

I got another letter from Affleck and sent it you by this mornings boat. Consider yourself at liberty to alter the verbiage of it in any manner not inconsistent with its present meaning.

I arrived here last Sunday evening. Olney got here Monday night. Court opened this day but as yet we are waiting for the records to be brought from Oregon City. They will be here tonight. What do you think of Bro Dryers platform? Will the Sanhedrim conform it, or will they "spit upon and execrate it".?

The steamer is looked for every hour. Write to me at Lafayette, I will be there by the last of the week.

Your friend

M P Deady

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Portland June 21st 1858

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