

Portland 25th Oct 1853

Friend Bush:-

The Statement that will appear in the "Commercial" of tomorrow in regard to Sellers escape is a plain true statement of the particulars From his escape-the temporary suspension of the work on the Penitentiary for want of funds-the removal of Judge Deady-Peters Quondam or Goddan (should be) movements &c &c-the "Softs" have again faced about, and regularly installed again under the flag of encarnaciondon in this town. And now every word that Fryer utters in regard to the "Durhamites" as he calls them is readily swallowed-and belched forth on every corner By all from Peter down to W.L. Ladd & Co. Such is the state of things at present in this city. Peter gives a knowing nod of the head and says "I always thought I was right" &c spits looks wise, pushes back his hair - in short looks as brave as a sheep. If you will notice the matter of keeping the convicts here as per statement in the "Commercial" you will not only confer a favor on me but the Democracy of our County. I am going to request Peter to notice it, and I don't care a damn whether he does or not. I have secured the numbers of this county to go for me for clerk in the Legislature. Speak for me, Bush. I will be there sure

Truly yr. friend

Boyd

Pittau 26th Oct 1853

Friend Bush;

The statement that will appear in the "Commercial" of tomorrow, in regard to Sellers escape, is a plain, true statement of the particulars from his escape - the temporary suspension of the work on the Penitentiary for want of funds - the removal of Judge Brady - Peter Quondam or Goldmann (Should be Monuments, &c., the "Lifts" have again faced about, and ~~may be~~ regularly installed again under the flag of Incarnation down in this town. And now every word that Dryer utters ~~in regard~~ regard to the "Dunhamites" as he calls them is readily swallowed and belched forth on every corner from Peter down to W. H. Ladd & Co. Such is the state of things at present in this City - Peter gives a knowing nod of the head and says "I always thought I was right" - spits, looks wise, brushes back his hair in short words as brave as a sheep. If you will notice the matter of keeping the Council here as per statement in the "Commercial," you will not only confer a favor on me but the Democracy of our County. I am going to request Peter to notice ^{it} and I don't care a damn whether he does or not. I have secured the members of this County to go for me for Clerk in the Legislature. Speak for me, Bush, I will be there sure. Truly Yr. friend Bryce

P.S. Col. King wishes you to notice the matter spoken of. He has just left me the Col. I am happy to say remains sober now. He is as true as steel to the Cause, but still he is a great old egotist. Enclose the language in this letter for Dan mad as the U-C
Bryce