

At Home Nov 27th 1853

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I agree with you in relation to the acceptance of Judge Olney's place, it has always been my feeling in relation to the matter, but I have been and yet am desirous to test the faith of two men most concerned in that proposition, that is Olney and Lane, and therefore wait to see what they will do. I very much incline to the opinion that I never will have an opportunity to decline it, for the reason that neither of them are very anxious to see me occupy the position, and least of both Lane himself. In this I may do them wrong and hope on their account it may be otherwise. Of one thing I think you may be certain that I shall not accept Judge Olneys place if tendered to me. One word in confidence in relation to Lane. I am becoming more and more convinced that Lane has been cognisant of the treatment that I have received at the hands of the administration from the blunder in the name to the removal that he has procured it to be done, or purposely assented to it, and will continue so to do unless he sees such decided manifestations of feeling upon the part of the Democracy of this Territory as to induce him to think it were for his own interest to act otherwise. The circumstances that have directed my mind towards this conclusion are too numerous to particularise at this time, some of them by a disinterested person would perhaps be considered trivial, but "straws show which way the wind blows." His tergiversations and contradictory stories in relation

to Thurston and the delegateship in '51, and Applegate and the Surveyor Genls office in '53, almost prove to my mind that he has either duplicity or weakness enough to do or suffer to be done just what has happened to me. But as yet his is conjecture. Of one thing I am certain that the election of Lane under the circumstances last summer was a misfortune to the party from which it will not soon recover. Since he returned from the Rogue River country and before his departure for Washington he done more to strengthen the hands of the Softs and Whigs than anything that has happened since they have had a name.

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Salem Or.

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