

At Home Oct 15th 1854

Dear Bush

Your illegible scrips of the 7th inst met me here on my return from Coos. I expected to get some items from it, but on looking it over find nothing but some blackguard allusions to myself which perhaps I shall never be able to decipher. It will be fortunate for the writer if I do not. The Oregonian has not come to hand this week, but I get the resolutions of the Portland meeting in the other papers. Poor Con I am afraid he will fret and fume worse than he did with his aching "molars". The "exquisite Jerry" alias Dutch Puritan pitches in to the thick of the fight as if it were a real celebration. Cyrus takes occasion under pretext of vindicating Currys Executive Courtesy to let the world know that at one time he had made up his mind to "aid his brother". Curry deserves to be annoyed some for letting Olney induce him to issue the proclamation against the advice of those whose advice he ought to have followed, if any ones.

As for what you said to Pn about my nomination in '53 I care nothing about it. I was then and still am satisfied that you were my true friend in the matter and that is enough. Many persons then and since have tried to make me believe otherwise but without success.

And so Nes' old friends Thornton and Ford go for Pratt. If Nes' "Judicial connexion" and quondam father in law go for him I think Nes will follow suit. Lane is writing to men throughout the country announcing himself as a candidate. Pratt I think is doing the same. They will both find a determined opposition. Did you steal Madam Rooters lines on Genl Lane or did he partly by accident and partly by design leave them where he knew you would find them? (A categorical answer respectfully requested by next mail). What does Mrs Pierce charge for acting as nurse to congressman? I am sorry you did not suggest that Chin's letter should have ended with "Let us look to the Lord for his blessing and be dismissed."

Jesse Applegate and Lew Withers are now engaged in the location of the Military road. I met them yesterday and had a chat with them. The community seemed to be determined to be dissatisfied with whatever Jesse may do. They are angry at his having anything to do with the matter.

I learn from Jacksonville that Culver shewed Palmers letter suspending him to some of his friends there, and they insisted that he should continue to act. In the meantime a committee was appointed to investigate the charges concerning the hay upon sworn testimony. The committee have reported in writing that the charges are not only untrue but that there is no foundation for them. The report will be sent to Washington the committee consists of Capt Smith (of the Army) John Miller (former Rep) Lycurgus Jackson (Clerk of the court) Thos Pyle (Sheriff) and Dr Ambrose. Capt Smith will report officially. Culver is indignant. Miller whom Palmer appointed Special Agent in Same place refuses to accept. I thin that Palmer has been misled. Of course he should have notified Culver before taking any action in the premises.

Have you time to send me the local laws and house journal. I am afraid that some serious mistakes have been made in printing the Code. How is this?

A Bush at Salem

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