

Corvallis Mar 7th 1855

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Leland advertises that correspondents names will be given up when necessary. We know that before. John Richardson left here today. Appears to be down in the mouth. Shall start for home to morrow morning. Lake Cleavland McIntire and Dr Drew in company. I am sorry that you and Peter hoisted Lanes name so nearly at once. The vexed question of which of you is the generals best friend will still remain unsettled and be the source of an interminable alteration.

I suppose you begin to feel a deep interest in the result of this delegate question, and I conceive that your own fortunes will be materially affected by the issue of it. Notwithstanding you are a "miserable man", as I've often had occasion to feel, I should regret to see your star wane. Rather than see you worsted in the fight I would do a good deal that otherwise I might leave undone. In a short I am your friend, and on that account shall do more if in my power, to forward your views than I have given you reason to expect. Besides the success of "a skillful knave" with such a speckled body guard as he is now leading on, would to me be worse than semma and salts. Write me at Winchester by next mail. Respects to Nes and tell him I will write to him as soon as I get home. As the old English singing master use to say to his class "sing with vigor and be none afeered."

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