

Private

Portland
Saturday Morning
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Friend Bush

The "Express Mail" from Salem has just arrived & I am in receipt of yours. Ten thousand thanks my dear friend for the interest it betrays in the welfare of an unfortunate eight.

I sent you yesterday morning by the hand of Mr. Stark, to be forwarded by your brother, a communication, which I trust will appear, as conspicuously as possible, in your next issue.

I would have you review it carefully before putting it in type- The Methodists are a revengeful pack & tho the truth of every word of it can be attested by numerous witnesses- yet as the truth of the assertions make no defense in libel cases you might be subject to annoyance & cost-which I would very much regret in any case much more being the cause of it myself- I have heard members of his own church "dam him" for using the church for such purposes. You, will doubtless, receive a communication from "Patt Mac" on the same subject. Should you see fit to publish mine, which, I hope you will in some shape, I would suggest that you give it an appropriate heading such as "I know Manufacturing" or something of that sort- & request the democratic papers to copy- perhaps after you have taken the initiative they might pluck up courage to rebuke the political proselyting pack.

Pratt stands no more show to get the delegation from this Co than I do. It was amusing to see what a "Revolution" the last issue of the Statesman caused in the feelings of the Pratt ites here. Indeed so anxious has it made them to cut their former connexions that they hasten to tell you they are for Lane & denounce bedevilled Lelano. Let me give you an instance, or two- our worthy F.M & Sheriff used to spend half their time in Lelano's Sanction plotting for the benefit of his honor. I heard them laud Pratt to me until my ears were weary of the dose- recently, & very recently, I have heard them deny that they ever did. Pratt Mac was and is in the same fix. I pittied Lelano to see his "Nest of Kin" desert him like treacherous dogs as they are?

I spent yesterday after noon with Rev. "Father Crook" he is writing on the subject of Know Nothingism to his brother clergymen all over the territory- You may be sure whatever influence they can legitimately use, shall be used in favor of the Democratic Nominee. (But Keep that dark.)

I had a letter from friend Mosley, in which he says you stand a good chance for the public printing of his territory had your ma----- not met with such a fate. No you had some votes in the assembly for public printer. You have seen Alowza's last issue? Notwithstanding his boast & cry of "Libel" Madame Ensour says he accuses your humble servent of having stolen Pratts manuscript out of his office & sent it to The Statesman office! McCormick told me so; but say nothing about it, unless he should make the accusation public. I will write you something for the public on the subject of the Delegateship before a week. Don't make yourself uneasy on my account- I will try "to hold on"- but I am sometimes "Figgety"- & if I happen to write when the "figges" are on "the epistle" partakes of the same character.

I am yours &c

P.C. Malone

P.S. Have you seen Dryers last- he by some means unknown to me got hold of a private letter written by me to a fellow passenger at San F. last June. The bugger published it- trying to injure the Statesman on my account- I will deal with him tho.