

Corvallis March 25th 1855

Friend Bush,

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I saw Mr. Biddle last evening and he wished to know if you was a



going to take his house, he said he had not heard whether you would or not, he says he will let you have the house for \$200.00 a year or \$180.00 and reserve one room to store away some furniture, write me a note in regard to it by return mail.

I will write you immediately after the Convention next Saturday and let you know how it stands. I saw Avery this morning but he has not much to say.

Yours & c.

Chester N. Terry

Cowall's March 35<sup>th</sup> 1855

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