

Portland 14 April 1855

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Please write to me immediately & let me know what is the prospect? If there is nothing that appears morally certain, I must direct my attention to something else. You will see that this is unavoidable when I tell Lyon that my present state of suspense as to the future (even making a garden) beyond the mere living "from hand to mouth"; & from day to day.

Let me know what reasonable hope there is?— and whatever it may be, be assured I shall always feel grateful for your good intentions. Can't you afford to place my name on your subscription list, & send me The Statesman regularly. Perhaps I can afford pay for it sometime. As it is I am obliged to beg or borrow the loan of it every week.

Yrs. & c

Pat Malone

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Mr. Wilson made some remarks
Parks's Review come. Instead of giving
L^{rs} of the Standard - he made it Statesman
and some other places. I am training
up an account against him.

Wm. Wilson
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