

Deer Creek OY April 18th 1855

Dear Bush

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Where are all the men who have been made by him? Not very grateful are they? Old Jo will carry everything here--Whig's Free Soilers--Softs and all--I never saw such enthusiasm in my life--Lane here Lane there and Lane everywhere. How did you get hold of that "ferry case"? thought I was posted on all such things but had never heard of that one until published--have since learned all the particulars--You have completely annihilated him and he stands in about the same position here that Pratt does in the Territory at large. Not one man to advance his claims.

About Estray Law I took Boyds word for it, but shall in future send notice to Statesman. We are all rejoicing now over the Mail Steamer having been imposed on long enough by the Old Co--wish to God every steamer they have could go ashore.

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Yours truly

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