

Jacksonville May 7, 1855

Dear Bush

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There are more damned fools in Douglas County than any where else in the Territory and many of them very unfortunately settled near old Jo, but I am not disposed to hold him responsible for all the foolish remarks made by his transfers on. Among the rest, Flood the General's Son in Law has said some very severe and impolitic things since the Gen. got home - reflecting severely upon Deady, Stratton, Chadwick, Drew and others - Flood says we are marked men 'c. I am convinced that Lane can not countenance such an unpolitic and ominous policy.

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I have concluded to remain a deputy Marshal and live in the settlements - Our people think I have done nothing to merit exile to Coos Bay. They insist upon it that I shall neither be banished or expatriated. Coos County will be attended to by my Brother, Gibbs, Winchester and others - Lockhard is canvassing for Gaines in that far off region - He has been through Jackson County with Lane and Gaines and now goes to Coos well posted up with G's agreements and good hits. Gaines is very personal in his assaults. Curry, Boyce, Deady and others are attacked constantly. Gaines tells our people that I was a good Whig up to the dose of the Salem Legislation at Salem, in 1851-52. I did not know before that the vox populi was edited by Whigs!! It will be news to you. We had a good meeting at Deer

Creek the other day. Gasley was a delegate in the Dem. Co. Con. He managed to be chosen at his precinct meeting - Gasley undertook to apologize and explain away his course in the legislation. I replied to him and only jest that I handled him so mercifully, but he looked so much like a whipped spaniel that I felt somewhat for the poor fool.

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Regards to Mrs. B.

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