

Portland May 19 1856

Friend Bush

Yours of inst with Poll Book came duly to hand with the Books which I am sorry to inform you will not answer the purpose in our County- We have every office to fill in the County and for every (in all 15 besides Delegate Prosecuting Attorney & Convention) office there is 3 candidates so there is not half enough lines in your printed ones for our County- I am sorry for this as it is the dam trouble to make them out for this V.V. voting in the world and "I am now working for old Jo.- I suppose the blanks will be no use to you but will forward them back if you say so. The Whig & Know nothing game is , they claim this county of 150 maj., but all I have to say to our friend in the county is to work and keep working and I think they will find now worse news from the strong hold of Know nothing-ism than they expected- the Whig ticket is a humbug of them being Know nothing at all events the ticket will not receive an average of 25-votes in the County- the Know Nothings have made these nominations by Delegates but I understand they are to be ratified yet- which I suppose will be done next week- As the Democrats predicted they have got 4 out of five in the ticket who were formerly identified with the Whig party and there is not a Democrat nominated on the ticket for a office of honor & profit- there is one who calls himself a Democrat but he has not been in the County long enough to prove it- commencing with Gaines & going down with all whigs for county office except a County Com & Judge of Probate made of democrats who belong to the order feel rather blue, & while they feel so we are hard at work & I think will be successful in having every democrat, almost, leave the damd order- while a few office seeking whigs who have slipped up for office will leave them-

If you can give me any information in regard to their actual strength in our county please to so-

Yours in haste

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P.S. Ladd Reed & Co have paid those dfts. all right----

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