

Scottsburg 9th Sept. 1855

Friend Dush--

Yours of Aug. 17, was only received last evening. In answer--

Messrs. Tripp & Atwood of Portland paid me five Dollars for their subscription to the Statesman which was included in the (\$45) that I paid you at Salem--winter of 53--H. S. Jacobs never paid me a cent for you. I drummed him several times, but he invariably failed to "ante". If he says that he paid me for you, he is a liar, and if you think it necessary, you can say to him that I say so. He belongs to the King party, who swindled me out of a summers work.

Peter's "riled" again I see, Lord how he rants! That \$500 on the strength of Lelands wifes sister "gets him down"--Im very glad that I had't paper when I first saw his paper, or I may have been silly enough to have noticed the whelp, at length. His editorials and Dryers agree very well of late.

Since the first organization of parties in this Territory. I have acted with the Democratic Party--even before I was old enough to vote--Since that time I have tried to act consistently, I believe these facts are known to you. Peter has called me a renegade whig--Are such the facts? Could you or not give me a little "disinterested" notice in accordance with your knowledge of my past history? There was a time when I didn't care a d---n for the "bubble reputation"--nor what was said or published concerning me. I have paid my failings--have sown my wild oats, and there are many little things that may be "raked" up against me if I enter into a discussion with "Tommy Waterman"--but of all my offences there are none but what may be traced for their cause to the foul web that was thrown around me by King, Waterman & other damned rascals, concerning that Penitentiary affair--either directly or indirectly--But I will make Peter sick of it if he commences. Peter & Leland both have been writing letters a la Pratt concerning the Territorial printing. Both want it. But you are sure of this County and Douglass I know that I cant get it--therefore I go for my friends write me

As ever faithfully yr. friend & obt. Svt.  
G.D.R. Boyd

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Friend Ruston

Yours of Sept. 17, was duly received last evening. In answer -

Mrs. Gripp & Atwood of Portland paid me five dollars for their subscription to the Statesman, which was included in the (\$45) that I paid you at Salem - winter of 53 - H. S. Jacobs never paid me a cent for you. I drummed him several times, but he invariably failed to "ante". If he says that he paid me for you, he is a liar, and if you think it necessary, you can say to him that I say so. He belongs to the "King party", who swindled me out of a Summers worth

Peter's "wild" again I see, Lord how he rants! That "S" or on the strength of Selan's wife's sister "gets him down" - I'm very glad that I had not paper when I first saw his paper, or I may have been silly enough to <sup>have</sup> noticed the whelp, at length. His editorials and Dyer's agree very well of late.

Since the first organization of parties in this Territory, I have acted with the Democratic Party - even before I was old enough to vote. Since that time I have tried to act consistently. I believe these facts are known to you. Peter has called me

a renegade whig. - Are such the facts? Could you or not give me a little disinterested notice in accordance with your knowledge of my past history? There was a time when I didn't care ~~for~~ a d-<sup>---</sup> for the "bubble reputation", nor what was said or published concerning me. I have had my failings - have sown my wild oats, and there are many little things that may be "raked" up against me if I enter into a discussion with "Jonny Waterman" - but of all my offences there are none but what may be traced for their cause to the foul web ~~that~~ that was thrown around me by King, Waterman & other damned rascals, concerning that Penitentiary affair either directly or indirectly. But I will make Peter sick of it if he commences. Peter & Selan both have been writing letters a la Pratt concerning the Territorial printing. Both want it. But you are sure of this County and Douglas. I know that I can't get it - therefore I go for my friend's write me -

As ever

Faithfully

Yr friend

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G. D. R. Boyd