

At Home, Among the fern
Sept. 15th, 1866

Friend Bush,

Your favor of the 8th inst. I have just received. I should have been pleased to have written to you, and the Spirit has moved me often times to write as topics suggested themselves, but knowing what a mass of correspondence you must necessarily be employed with, and fearing perchance that it might be "an infliction", or a "bore", I have been deterred from so doing. More than all this I dislike to write, it is an effort for more me to do so at any time, although no one can be more delighted in receiving these letter favors than myself. You may justly exclaim how lazy and selfish - may the honest confession be good for my soul. The matter of the non removal of Gardiner, has annoyed me exceedingly. I confess that I am at a loss to know or imagine the cause of failure. If I am so fortunate as to meet Lane before he skips off to Washington you may depend I shall do everything I can to urge prompt action on his part towards effecting the thing when he shall have arrived at Washington. Is it possible that we have over estimated his influence with the President in this business? Was the nomination of Horton for Lt. Gov. in Louisiana think you, had any price upon the question. There are those who believe that Gardiner has informed the President that he may consider the office vacant at any time he pleases so to do, provided, he does not desire to appoint Lieben or Lake - that he has admitted his inability to satisfy the party here. I am disinclined to put such faith in this. Rather than not succeed in this undertaking to reform the Surveyor Generals office I would freely risk my own removal. I will not rest satisfied with anything so rotten and hurtful within our own camp. It ought not to be. All honest and manly partisanship cries out against it. I only wish I were personally acquainted with Douglas I would beseech him to endeavor to obtain a redress of our grievances. How can the Democratic party in Oregon be kept strong, faithful and reliable when its very foes are fostered and fed from its own power?

I have been thinking about the circumstances reported as to the Councilman South and I do not see that I can consistently do anything as matters stand. The office, clearly, is not vacant so long as Cleveland remains in his district. The people themselves should take the thing in hand if they deem it probable that they will be left unrepresented in the next assembly. Whoever they might elect, in case Cleveland quits the Territory, will no doubt be allowed his seat.

I am looking shortly for the arrival of the portion of Arms belonging to the Territory. I made a requisition for them in July. There will likely be some two thousand stand of arms - a howitzer with caisson - and, I hope, enough of Colt's revolvers for one company.

I have been to Portland two or three times this summer. I think Dennison will give a good account of himself in the Council. It is probable that strong petitions will pour into the Assembly asking them to frame a Constitution to be submitted in the Spring to the people for their judgment. Should the next Presidential election go into Congress, it might be most important to have another Democratic State that could be depended upon. I am by no means sanguine as to the next contest. The people may fail to elect. In that case if Oregon be organized she will be on an equality in the Electoral College with either of the other states. What think you? Would it not be advisable to guard against contingencies? Had we not better hurry up the cakes? If, upon petition, the Assembly framed a Constitution and should the people refuse to adopt it, which in my notion would depend mainly upon its character, would there be harm done? I imagine there would be no injurious consequences.

Pray let me hear from you as often as you can.

Yours always Sincerely

Geo. L. Curry.

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