

Territory of Oregon
Secretarys Office
Salem Sept 22d 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir

I had the honor to receive on the 19th inst Your communication dated July 30th 1855 and its enclosures giving information on the subject of public printing. And also that dated 31st of Same month containing instruction in regard to paying for newspapers received by the members of the Assembly at regular Session of 1854-55.

In regard to the account of Mr. Bush Esq Territorial Printer for printing 1000 copies of the Statutes of Oregon, Session of 1853-54. Mentioned in yours of 30th July I beg leave to submit the following statement, which perhaps I ought to have made at an earlier day.

Five hundred copies only of the 1000 copies of said Statutes have been delivered to the Secretary of this Territory.

The other 500; were shiped from New York to San Francisco and there placed upon the Steamer Southerner which as you have already been informed was wrecked in January last, and wholly lost; together with a large amount of printing machinery and materials belonging to Mr. Bush.

The Legislative Assembly being in Session at the time the News of the wreck was received and it being Supposed that the Books were lost or greatly damaged, An Act was passed (A printed copy of which I herewith enclose) releasing Mr. Bush from his obligation to deliver 500 copies now in addition to those delivered: Provided he receive pay for only 500 copies.

And also requiring him to cause to be printed 500 copies of the Laws of a general nature passed at the Sessions of 1853-54 and 1854-55 and have the same bound in one Volume Similar to that containing Laws of 1853-54 In consequence of all which Mr. Bush proposed to reduce his original account of \$5923.42 as follows, and receive pay for only the 500 copies delivered.

Amount of Original Account		\$5,923.42
Deduct 95 taken press work		
at \$2.50 per token	\$237.50	
" 25 reams paper \$8.00 per Rm	200.00	
" Binding 500 copies \$1.00 each	500.00	937.50
This reducing the original account to		\$4985.92
Of which amount he had received		
of my predecessor		2791.56
Leaving due to him		2194.36
According to his Statement of the account		

Then on the 10th of March last he made a demand of money on printing, and after conferring with Governor Curry, I paid to him \$1000. and took receipts (Duplicate) to apply on the account above mentioned believing that that much was justly due to him on that account beyond question. Indeed I did not doubt but the whole amount claimed was justly due Saving any errors there might be in computation. And I hope and believe it may be so found after Governor Curry and Mr. Bush shall be heard. But if it shall not be I have not the slightest doubt but Mr. Bush will take pleasure in rectifying any wrong that may be in this respect.

Said \$1000 is charged in my account transmitted on 7th of May last as per Voucher Ny 12 Abstract C.

I remain Very Respectfully
Your Obeat Servt
B. F. Harding
Secy of Oregon

P.S. At an early day I will transmit copies of the printing done for last Session.

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