

Salem Sept 29th 1855

Dear Bush

Yours of 23d inst. is recd and herewith are copies of my letter asking instructions in regard to removing Library Furniture &c and the answer thereto containing instructions.

As the contents of my letter mentioned above were to generally known about Corvallis, and pronounced a fair Statement by evry one who read or heard contents I did not think it would be said by any body that I had written to obtain instructions of any particular caste.

Avery approved of it unconditionally, and afterwards Said to Terry that it was "all fair enough if I sent that one". Rather an insinuation its true but then I thought nothing of it as it was Avery.

You will See that I ask no instructions except as to removing furniture Library &c So that all the instruction in regard to paying numbers and other expenses of a Session at Corvallis are voluntary: Yet they are no up binding on me.

You will also See that my letter of 26th May, which is the only one I ever wrote upon the Subject and the one read by Avery is Copied into the record and the facts Stated made the basis of decision which will probably satisfy Avery & all others that that one was sent and no other.

They may say I should not have asked instructions but have gave in and done this or that. If so I can answer that I have not yet heard a man of any locality Speak in regard to the matter but expected doubts us to whether the expense of removing Library furniture &c would be allowed and I had doubts about it and one clause of the general instructions recd with commission reads "When you have any doubts on the Subject" of a disbursement "You may state the matter and ask instructions"

Is it generally known by the people that the Law (see last 10 lines of 11th Section of organic act) requires that the Secretary of the Territory shall be governed solely by the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury in disbursement of moneys?

I feel under obligation to you for Speaking so favourably and freely of this matter in your last issue and ("I fully agree with you that the Seat of Govt is now at Corvallis but whether it will remain there or go to some other place I neither know or care so that the Territory shall not be taxed to pay expense and so far as I am acquainted this is the universal feeling among the people of the country").

Will it not be better to publish the instructions entiry as they contain all of my letter except the bare statement that the seat of Govt has been removed and omit mine? I would be glad to have you state what instructions I did ask and what were given without asking provided you think it is best to do so.

The matter is so plain that it seems to me that neither the party or myself can suffer when all the facts are known.

Hoping that your Morals and Spiritual condition may be affected for the better by that Hard Shell revival and the "considerable religious interest manifested" in your vicinity I will stop for I am in a d---l of hurry.

Your Friend,

B. F. Harding

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