

Thursday evening. Oct. 11th '55

Dear Bush

The mail has left, but I shall send this on to the next Post office in time to go this week. I wrote you a few hasty lines on my arrival at Deer Creek after the mail had closed at that office. Please do with the enclosed as you think proper. Publish it or not as you think best. Cut it down or fix it up any way you choose. I wish it could go in, but perhaps that is out of the question. I shall start South again tomorrow. Many of the citizens will go out with me. We can form no correct idea of the extent of the troubles. W. J. Martin goes out - also Hudson dem. Rep. elect from this county. Lieut. Gibson's men are worn out and their animals are entirely used up. Why the Divie do they send Infantry on such expeditions. The men are foot sore and have not only to go on foot but to help carry the luggage. They will make a forced march, now that they have received intelligence of the difficulties. But I have not time to write now.

Yours very truly,

Drew

(P.S.) Do not leave your readers to infer that I have run away from the neighborhood of hostilities. I came on expressly to meet Lieut. Gibson and to apprise him of the state of hostilities and to urge him to make a rapid march to the South. I shall go back, though it is not really necessary - also see the good democrats and (as Gen. Lane says) a few good Whigs will go with me.

Yours

J. W. Drew

(P.S.) Friday Morning -

I failed to get this in the mail but shall forward by the first opportunity - Judge Deady left for the scene of hostilities this morning. I shall overtake him at the Canyon. The Judge informed me of the contents of your letter. We have got the other topics to write about which you suggested.

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