

Deer Creek Feb. 19, 1856

Friend Bush

Enclosed I send you two dollars & fifty cents for which send Statesman to this office for six mo's to E. Croxton.--Allow me to congratulate you on the improved appearance of the Statesman and to wish with all my heart that your exertions in its behalf may be amply remunerated and that it may continue to improve until it arrives at a "green old age."

By the way you have one subscriber at this office who I would advise you, unless he has paid in advance to dry up on, that is one James Barker. He has been owing us a little Bill for two years and will probably owe it as long as he may live. He is a good democrat to be sure but very poor pay, and I would much rather have my the blank paper than his note.

No new of any importance out this way--Indians seem to be on a dead stand, waiting probably to find out what the Bostons are doing--Recruiting goes on very slowly-- few men are willing to volunteer under the present commanding officers--especially Bill Martin, and a Ballation (?) cannot be made up so long as he is in office.

Respects to Drew and believe me as ever

R. H. Dearborn

Friend Wash & Dear Cousin Feb. 19. 1836

Enclosed I send you Ten dollars + fifty cents for which send Statesman to this Office for Six Mrs. to E. Croxton. - Allow me to congratulate you on the improved appearance of the Statesman, and to wish with all my heart that your exertions in its behalf may be amply remunerated, and that it may continue to improve until it arrives at a "green old age".

By the way you have one subscriber at this office who I would advise you, unless he has paid in advance, to drop if you can. That is one James Barker. He has been owing us a little Bill for two years and will probably owe it as long as he may live. He is a good democrat to be sure, but very poor pay, and I would much rather have my the Blue paper than his note.

No news of any importance out this way - Andover seem to be on a dead stand, waiting probably to find out what the Boston are doing - Recruiting goes on very slowly - few men are willing to volunteer under the present commanding officers - especially Bill Houtin, and a Battalion cannot be made up so long as he is in office.

Respects to Drew and believe me ever

Yours

A. H. Dearborn