

Still later

By military express from Portland we have the following:
Quarter Master's Dept. Portland O. T.

March 28 1856

A. Bush Esq
Salem O T

Dear Sir

I am requested by Ass't. Q. M. Earle McCracken to send you the following startling intelligence. The Indians have attacked the Cascades in strong force variously estimated at from 3 to 800 have burnt all the Houses the Steamer "Mary" and in Short destroyed everything, and at last ac't the whites who were there were fighting in the Block House and had a very limited supply of amunition and provisions, and it is feared that they have all, ere this, been cruelly murdered by the savage foe. Enclosed you will find an extra Oregonian. The people of this city are in a State of great excitement as many fear a Descent upon this place next by the enemy. Families are arriving here in great numbers from Columbia Bottom Rowels Valley and other Isolated situations, people living in vicinity of Vancouver have all taken refuge at that place in a state of great alarm.

The Steamer Leaves here this morning with the news to California. She brought nearly 100 Regulars which with those already already at Vancouver will make the force at that port over 150 men, many of whom have already been dispatched to the present scene of hostilities. W. B.

Bush about the Girl all right I have my eye on one--and am only waiting time to judge of her capacity. I think it will do. How shall I ship her on the Dr. & M. M. Mc C "government boat" under the Quarter Master Frank? Enclosed please find a communication from Jake Goss--and as he explains intended for the "Statesman"--if you publish it please suppress the name of his "Good old friend John McCracking"--I hope this punctuation will be comprehensible. I wish you would be less profane, in your corresponding with me.

There is a hell of a time with the Indians and no mistake. Dryer is crazy as a loon again. We are characteristically cool.

"The Jennie Clark" starts at two o'clock to day with volunteers for the scene of hostilities.

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John McCracken

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By military report from Port Townsend we
know the following
Master Martin Dept. Portland 17
March 28 1856

A. Bushby
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Think about the Govt all rights I have
my eye on one and am fully warranted
that it fears of her capacity, I think
it will do. How shall I ship her on
the Dr. J. M. McCracken "Government
boat" under the Department's flag?
Enclosed please find a communication
from Capt Lewis. And as the captain returns
ask for the "Stateman". If you publish
it please suppress the name of his
"good old friend" the "Washington".
I hope this publication will be comprehensible
I wish you would be less profane in your
correspondence with me.
There is a hell of a time with the Indians and
no mistake. Dyer is crazy and soon again
we are characteristically cool.
The "Jeannie Clark" starts at 10 o'clock
to day with Columbus for the "~~west~~
~~west~~ ~~on other words~~ the cause of these
disturbances".

Respectfully
from J. M. McCracken