

Pairoaks Douglas Co Or.
Nov 17th 1856

Dear Bush

Yours of the 20 inst was here when I came home from the south. As to your proposition to take the Statesman I dont know what to say to it. Of all other arrangements I much prefer you would remain in it. With my present views and purposes I could not be induced to take upon any other principle than to prevent its falling into more unacceptable hands. In a pecuniary point of view if I went into it I should prefer to have Nes for a partner, but one man is enough to edit a paper or at least control that department. Doubtless Nes and I would agree as well as any two men could. I would not be able to purchase by myself, and as for the money making, I expect the cream of things is gone.

As to Stratton I expect he has changed his mind by this time, and does not need your advice. I understand he has hired himself for a year to Dearborn & Co to keep books for \$75 per month. Dont do anything in the matter until I see you and talk with you and Nes and Ben.

Your old friend "Col" T (I believe you made him a Col) was indicted for perjury at Jackson. Mosher prosecuted. The jury after several hours deliberation acquitted him. Drew says they convicted him when they first went out, and then on account of his family, grey hairs, &c reprieved him. T' says it is persecution on the part of Mosher and has pitched into M- in the Sentinel. The general opinion about Jackson is that he was guilty. Old Taylor legged for him outside and in. He is down on Mosher and Lane. I think he expected the Registers office. Let them fight it out, yet one thing is certain T' will make nothing in the end by taking the question before the public. He had better have been content with the verdict of the jury.

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When is your friend Topsy Thompson going to get the mail carried south, You scarcely ever see an Oregon paper south of the Canyon, while from every corner of the states they are abundant.

I got the clerk to prepare you a calender of the causes at Jackson. I suppose he has sent it to you.

I see by the papers that Olney has not held the fall terms of court in consequence of the act of Congress upon that subject. I held mine upon the construction, that the act of Congress was not in itself a repeal of the laws of the Assembly appointing the times and places of holding courts, but there yet remained the action of the judges (legislative in its character) by which these times and places are to be abrogated and new ones in accordance with the act of Congress established. If this be correct, of course until the judges establish the new rule, the old one holds good. Of course this conclusion is not based upon any thorough examination of the subject, as the time I had to decide in would not admit of it. Yet I am pretty well satisfied it is correct.

It is possible that I may not be able to get down at the opening of the Supreme Court, probably not until the fifteenth. I intend to write to Judge Williams upon the subject and suggest to him if he deems it proper to adjourn the court for a week or two. The reason I suppose you know.

Speaking of taking the Statesman I spoke to Lucy about it and she thought the paper was bad enough now, but if Nes and I went into it, its morals would be intolerable.

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Your friend

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