

Portland Mch 23d 1858

Dear Bush

Torrence paid me thirty dollars for you a day or two since
Lounsdale wants to give a piece of land for his debt, but wants some
told him would take the amt of debt in land (town lots) but
couldnt stand the boot---no news here of a general character--the general
opin is 'the clique have nominated a d---d strong ticket--sorry the Dr
was not nominated for Gov. it is unnecessary to say I endorse your refu-
tation of McIteny's yarn--to those who know McI I think his making the
statement was a sufficient contradiction---"Social item--we have a boy--
looks like his daddy--it is unnecessary to add he is fine looking. born
on Sunday last--family comfortable.

Very truly

John McCracken

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Portland Mich 25th 1868

Dear Bush

Torrence paid me thirty dollars
for you a day or two since
Lonsdale wants to give a piece of
land for his debt, but wants some
boot to be his worth, but the amt
of debt in land (two lots) but couldnt
stand the boot - no news here of
a general character - the general opinion
is; the clique have nominated a
d-d strong ticket - sorry the Dr
was not nominated for Gov, it is
unnecessary to say I endorse your re-
vitation of McHenry's game - jth. those
who know Mc? I think his making the
statement was a sufficient contradiction
- Local news we have a boy -
looks like his daddy - it is unnecessary
to add he is fine looking. born on Sunday
last -
Sincerely
Very truly
John McCowan