

Portland March 27th 1858

Friend Bush

The appointment has arrived. What do you have to say about it? I want to take a trip out south and get what information I can in regard to the condition of the mail service in that portion of the Territory, but shall not be able to go until after the arrival of the next mail steamer. When do you think of going out? I would like to have company, but as I like to choose my Co I will not insist upon going out with you. I will go along with the candidates provided I can find no better company. Should like to be there at the time appointed to speak as it would afford me a good opportunity of seeing the people with less travel than I would have to do otherwise. What do you think about it? The Political atmosphere is very cool here at present, the softs are rather down in the mouth, and from present appearances I think with good management and hard work we can elect most if not all of our ticket this election. You will see from the Oregonian that Dryer is getting desperate. Drew should either club him or make the D- rich pay like hell for his . Write and give me the news- any any information you can give or get for me in regard to my official duties will be thankfully received. I will take charge of the office on the first of April.

Yours in haste

G ---bricke Norris

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J. M. Astor