

Private

At Home, July 31st, 1858

Dear Bush:-

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I am very busy-and have been since I was in Salem-and shall continue to be until I leave for the Atlantic States- in "setting my house in order" so as to ensure the convenience and comfort of my family during my absence. I am now engaged in harvesting, fence-building, well-digging, wood-hauling, &c, &c.

Well! The Senate Bill for the admission of Oregon did not pass the House! How could my worthy colleague have been so mistaken? He must have been so very confident of a successful issue that he neglected the use of the means! "It is an ill wind that blows no body any good." If he had not been elected to the Senate he would have continued to be a Delegate-provided we were not admitted! However, it may have been impossible for any man to have secured action on the part of the House, under the circumstances that existed, prior to the adjournment.

I perceive that you, indirectly, hit the General occasionally. Vide(?) the disordered postal arrangements of the country-the surprise he experienced when the Bill for our admission passed the Senate, &c, &c.

Can't you or Nes, or both, write me? I have not received a letter from Salem since I left there. Please give my kind regards to Nes, Harding and other friends. Has Grover left for the States? I purpose leaving about the first or middle of Sept. I have no doubt but that we will be admitted on the reconvening of Congress.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours, &c.

Delazon Smith

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