

(Private)

New York City Nov 15th 1858

Dear Bush

We arrived here safely on 13th. Smith has recovered from his illness- except as to strength and flesh.- He had a pretty severe time of it, but is safely through and this morning has gone to Washington.

Tomorrow I go to Maine and return as soon as possible to Washington.

My short time will not allow me to go to Washington first as I intended. I must visit the "old folks at home" a day or two at at any rate after an absence of eight years.

Ladd of Portland called on us at Panama on his way to Oregon. Farrar was on that steamer. he sent Smith a very kind note with intent to save his head from going off I suppose. Ladd said new appointments would not be made until Smith and I got there. He thought Lane was inclined to have Nesmith out and Stark in. Smith will enter his strongest protestations against this and is authorized to do the same for me.

I of course have not as yet got hold of these affairs, but will by next mail write you fully and will write Col Nesmith when I know what I shall communicate.

I have been delayed here two days on business for Dryer intrusted to my hands.

Have suffered some coming into this climate out of the fever bed of the Isthmus, but think I shall weather all the points of the trip in good spirits.

John Cotton Smith, minister to Bolivia whom I met at Panama gave me letters to Gen Gen Mr Toney and others.- Have been gathering up letters and acquaintances along the route so that I can get started putting ----ingly in that line.

Luther C. Carter republican Rep elect from this city to Congress next, retired merchant worth half million, is a native of my town in Maine. He sent for me to visit him which I did. The family was democratic in Jackson times.

When I shall be able to accomplish anything for Dryer I will write you a business letter for publication.

I have found several successful young lawyers and business men in this city who were school mates of mine, which has rendered my stay here very pleasant.

In much haste  
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L.F. Grover

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