

(Private)

New York Dec 4th 1858

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I shall be glad to write something of importance to Oregon after getting to Washington.

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In haste and Most Truly

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