

Olympia W. T.
March 8th 1859.

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You ask how I flourish. My answer is politically Klonas, personally "elegantly". You dubbed our Terry right when you called it a "haven of softs". The Dem. party here now is in the hands of broken-down Whigs, defunct knownothings, and soft Democrats. A pretty conglomeration is'nt it? As I wrote you before, the Stevens-party have possession of the sham democratic organization which seems to be the Dem. party. This event happened in this way. Stevens was a choice of some democrats. In order to secure a nomination he wrang in, and baptized a sufficient number of the parties named above to get it. By the power of patronage and a muzzled press he keeps that control-witness the appointment of Skookum to the bench, the promise (?) of Indian Superintendent to Miller (an old Whig & federalist) and of innumerable small bites to Tom, Dick & Harry. This state of things will continue I fear until a Press can be started to expose it -- and I fear too that a press will never be started as long as we are afflicted with such weak-backed public men as Old Basatt and the late Judges. I am at a loss to know what my duty as a democrat is under these circumstances. Am too poor to fight patronage and have no chance to expose iniquity. The Stevens faction have prescribed me,--if they can they'll gag and bury me. I'll give them the best I've got, & "we will see what we will see".

I have not written you the news for publication because it is next to impossible for me to write anything without touching the proceedings of this personal rule of the party; and I know it is not proper or wise to burden your columns with such matters. Hope this excuse justifies me.

Accept my sincere congratulations upon the manner and spirit in which you open the coming canvas.

I would not flatter you for any consideration. It is with no such purpose that I mention it. You are doing your duty - whole duty. You are right. go-ahead. And God speed you!

Commend me to Beggs.

Asahel Bush Esqr.
Salem
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Yours truly
Butler P. Anderson

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