

Portland Mar 22d 1859

Dear Bush

Yours came to hand after my return from Victoria but not until Stark had left for the same place, and does not expect to return for say two or three weeks. I called on Ladd and found that he had not received the bill yet for your fight. When he does I will pay it---and shall probably be able to collect it from Stark on his return (he left no one to pay these bills) I think if I had a note against the E Cole over due I should pay it, especially if he had said nothing about it--- No news of interest. Maj. Previtt in town--en-route for the Capital as soon as Gov Whitaker calls him--- My family is well-- Our regards to yours ---Dont press the Nationals of last year too hard many of them will make better democrats for the defection-- and if you drive them from us our county will bear the brunt of it--Delazoncent stand the intense rays of the great "hummary" in such close proximity--- a case of .

Very truly

John McCracken

Portland Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 1859

Dear Father

News came to hand after my return from Victoria but not until sails had left for the same place, and does not expect to return for say two or three weeks. I called on Ladd and found that he had not received the bill yet for your fight. When he does I will pay it and shall probably be able to collect it from Stark on his return. I left no one to pay these bills. I think if I had a note signed by C. Cole over it I should pay it especially if he had said nothing about it. No need of interest. My Mother is town - your wife for the Capital as soon as Gov. Whitaker calls him.

My family is well. Our regards to you don't miss the Nationals of last year too hard many of them will make better Democrats for the defection. and if you drive them from our County will be very for fear the brunt of it. Delazon Cant stand tho. intense days of the great "hurricane" in such a community - a case of mill

Very truly  
J. H. M. C. L. S.