

Salem, June 1st. 1859

A. Bush Esq.

Dr. Sir

Learning that Hon. L.F. Groves pronounces my statement of his remarks made in your presence to be an exaggeration of his statements relative to the conduct of Hon. Delazon Smith at Washington last winter. I request that you will inform me whether the statement which was made by me yesterday and which you have heard read is an exaggeration of the language used by Mr. Groves.

An immediate reply to the above is most respectfully requested by

Yours

W.H. Barnhart

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Mr. W.H. Barnhart

Dear Sir

Your note of this morning inquiring if a written statement made by you of conversation referred to had in my presence, and pronounced by Mr. Grover, has just been handed me, as you say "an Exaggeration," is such, the injunction of secrecy was imposed upon the statement referred to, and I prefer not to testify concerning them, but I cannot, say that your written statement is not substantially correct.