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In this Co. we can elect a democrat who votes for Logan or one who did not vote at all perhaps. I would like to have Coosa reelected, if he is willing to run. Any anti-Lane democrat who is nominated will lose a few democratic votes in Pat. Malone's neighborhood & consequently might be beaten by a republican if one is run, though several of the most active republicans say they will not oppose a democrat who refused to vote for Stout & they they will support & vote for a democrat who voted for Logan. If they will act up to their promises, there will be no difficulty in this county, as we have two good anti Lane democrats who voted for Logan, either one of whom is fit for a Rep. and we have numbers of the same sort who did not vote for Stout. Pat. Malone is urging the Republicans to run their own candidate, but he has little influence outside the circle of his Irish neighbors.

Pat knows that it is almost impossible to find a Lane or Smith man in the county. Do you notice Pat's reports of the Eugene Convention? They are the same in Argus, Oregonian, Union & Times. The scoundrel is the regular correspondent of the Union and he seems to delight in pitching into me. He is a very grateful son of a bitch. Can't you send out those old demands against him and break him up? Courts sits in Umpqua in October. Put them into the hands of Chadwick or Pyle and I think they would put him through.

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Our friend Burns, whom we recommended for Collector at this Post is a very active Lane man and carries out the wishes of the Land office to the letter, at least it looks so to me. He does not intend to subject himself to loss of place. Winchester at Coos Bay is the only office holder down here who has not sold out, body & soul, always excepting Ned. who is so near out of office, that I do not take him into the account.

We have got them all stacked on us and no mistake. Burns however can not do anything here outside of this precinct, where he can influence or control four or five votes, perhaps six or eight, after Ned is out of office. The Lane society will find it difficult to remove our Siwashes, though they may get Ned out. The Siwashes by their treaty are to remain on the Coast Smith of Cape Perpetrica so that they can not be taken to the Silets.

They understand it & so do the military authorities here. Ned has called the attention of the Dept. to the above clause in the treaty, which treaty has never yet been confirmed by the Senate, but under which and by authority of which, the Indians can alone be removed. The object of the Lane society is to remove the Indians and procure the abandonment of the military post at this place, which together with the Ind. agency is supposed to put money into the hands of anti-Lane democrats in Umpqua County. They fear that Ned is making something out of the Post or that he will continue to make something out of the Ind. Dept. if the Indians or agency is allowed to be retained here. Burns keeps his office seven miles up the river, so that none of the patronage or perquisites of the collectorship shall fall into our hands. I think Lane would have the Light House removed if he could.

What are you going to do about delegates to the Charleston Convention? Suppose Brock calls a convention at Eugene this fall based on Stout's vote, what is to be done?

There will be a great desire out here to read Grover's speeches. You must have them reported for the Statesman. Pat. says in his report of the scrip convention that Grover threw off on you, when Pengra attacked you or your paper. Pengra alluded to the course of wool and observed that some of the correspondents of the Statesman had either ignorantly or wantonly written that which went to support Wools's charges. If Pengra attacked anybody, it was T'Vault, Ambrose & Deady. In reply to Pengra, I reviewed Newsom's letter in the Tribune of the 9th of July. There was no attack even, much less a throwing off either by Grover or any of your other friends, certainly not by me, but these things are not worth the noting. Regards to Mrs. Bush - Mrs. Phillip B. and other friends.

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