

Roseburg Oga Dec. 7th 1859

A. Bush Esq
Salem.

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I counted surely upon the Statesman doing so because I had always looked upon you as a friend, and had endeavored so far as was in my power to be a friend to you; whether my friendship amounted to anything to a man in your position or not, it was not necessary to settle in my own mind- for I felt that I had been a better friend than many who had larger mouths and longer tongues.

You can imagine then how I felt when I read in both the other papers the announcement as I had sent it, and in the Statesman as it appeared.

I could only account for it on the grounds either that you were too much crowded to give it insertion- or that you had so far forgotten any friendship that had hitherto been between us as to be regardless of my feelings in the matter.

If the former were true, I reasoned, you knew very well that I was responsible for my contract as an advertiser-- if the latter I did not desire you to consider me your friend any longer.

In my own mind I am satisfied that I have wronged you and judged you hastily and unjustly, and I make the statements above not to clear myself, but to show you that circumstances forced me into believing that I had not been treated right.

I trust what I have said will remove any unpleasant feelings my letter may have left upon your mind: I have certainly suffered in my own feelings since the reception of G letter enough to atone for my foolish haste.

Sincerely hoping you will take these explanations in the spirit they have been written, the removal of all unkind feelings between us. I will not trespass more upon your time & patience, but subscribe myself

Truly yr friend
R. H. Dearborn

P.S. I hope you have stopped
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