

Portland Dec. 20th

Dear Bush

Enclosed please find my note to cancel that receipt--I have been waiting for the fellow to record the mortgage---but have not been able to get it yet--Cole still owes me the \$210 on that note and promises for the next steamer--when he pays me that I will send interest due to Jany and we will start off square--- I sent you no items because I had picked up none but Mc & Barnhard (author of the "Statement") being here I appointed them deputies and they tell me they performed the duty-- the Nesmith & Gordon letters are rather heavy, it is feared here that Delazon will take to drink! After receiving so bitter a pill---the programme you mentioned will suit well here--Perhaps Stark may offer another compromise program for the coming season. Gov Whiteaker has been in town but I have not seen him----

Yours truly

Jno McGraken

Mc declares I never wrote for the receipts--

Portland Dec 29 1864

Dear Bush

Enclosed please find my note to cancel that receipt. I have been waiting for the fellow to record the mortgage but have not been able to get it yet. Cole still owes me the \$20. on that note and promises for the next steamer when he pays me that I will send interest due to June 1st and we will start off square. I sent you no items because I had picked up none, but Mr & Wamburst (author of the "Statement") being here I appointed them deputies and they tell me they performed the duty. The Washburn & Gordon letters are rather heavy, it is feared here that Delazon will take to drink!! after receiving so bitter a pill. The programme you mentioned will suit well here. Perhaps Stuart may offer another compromise programme for the coming season. Gov Whiteaker has been in town but I have not seen him.

Yours truly
Geo W Washburn

W declares I never made for the receipts.