

PRIVATE

Portland Jan'y 1, 1860

Dear Bush,

As you did'nt come down here today, I suppose you ain't coming, and I send you here-with a few pages entitled "Dennis & the Ry" which if "Joskins" will consent, I would like to have appear as editorial if deemed of sufficient merit. My reasons are obvious. If it is published as a communication I will be "spotted" as the individual "what went and did it", and the consequences might be serious to me only so far as regards food - my daily bread - so to speak. My occupation likinth the Moor of Venice," would perhaps be gone-up, as my Employers have, unfortunately for them, no soul about business & the accumulation of paltry "scads".

While "Dennis", of course, has no friends here who care a D - m for him. Yet "pen-writing" for "the press" is not tolerated by menials whose minds are supposed to dwell in the Ledger for a monthly stipend-

Moreover - also - likewise, I said when I accepted my present insignia of slavery that I would write nothing into the fraternity of newspaper men - you comtux ?

I do not know exactly when (if at all) I will be able to leave this gay & lovely villiage - But i will say that if I should leave here before you I will remain in San Francisco till you arrive there.

The Gentleman alluded to as the friend of Dennis in the Ry. story is Reed of Jacksonville, you have heard him get off that perpetual witicism have'nt you? Respect to Harry.

Yours as ever, in haste-

The Major