

Fort Umpqua, Oregon  
January 16th 1860

Friend Beggs

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Why it is that the papers for this office come up missing so often, I cannot imagine, but unlike your Roseburg correspondent, I am confident and do know that Lord P. M. at Oakland would not detain the Statesman purposely and I do not believe that your paper has been detained at the Oakland office, either through carelessness or accident. Both of the Lord's, the one, who is P. M. at Scottsburg and his brother, who is either P.M. or has charge of the Post office at Oakland are with us. They did not vote for Stout. Neither of them sympathize with the Lane Society, but you know probably that both of them are sensitive and the publication of paragraph from correspondence upon either of them might possibly produce some effect on them in these tight times, both politically and pecuniarily.

The patronage of the Ind. Dept. here will doubtless be attempted to be brought to bear on Lord P.M. as Scottsburg, but I think it will not be of sufficient importance to influence him, as he is firmly set against the Lane Society, especially since he was removed by them from his place on the Central Committee and Cooper put on in his stead.

I wish Lord had been placed on the advisory committee, instead of your humble servant. It would have been as well I think. It is not necessary to notice me in order to keep me all right, but there is policy to be exercised in a fight like the one in which we are now engaged in order to ensure the desired result. Sykes, the new Ind. agt. here is one of the meanest, time-screwy sycophants in this neck of woods. He seems to think he is bound to do so much daily cursing of Bush and the Statesman, but withal he is a strong pro-slavery man and a slavery extentionist of the most radical character. No one here sympathizes with him in those extreme views and he has not effected any thing yet for his owners and I don't think he will.

He curses Bush, Douglass and the Statesman in his weak way - rejoiced when he heard through the Portland papers, that Jordan was to relieve Ingalls at Vancouver, believes that Old Geary and Lane will be elected to the Senate and Delazon to the House, a successor of Stout!! Brilliant idea this last and only equalled by old Ben Brattains notion that Lane is coming home this summer to run for the House at the Pres. election in November next. Old Ben, says "Ancient Joseph" is going to try himself directly before the people again.

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