

Portland Augt 3d 1860

Dear Bush

You no doubt think I am d---d negligent about writing you with reference to that matter on Slian's & I expected to go to Salem before this and have put off my trip from day to day untill I find now I shall have to wait untill after the arrival of the next mail steamer and shd l leave immediately after---I went to Hillsboro as I wrote you last Had a long talk with Sloan he tells me that the town property belongs to his wife and that she objects to giving a mortgage upon it although it is his or her intention to sell whenever they can get near what It is worth and if not settled before you may rely upon getting that amount, he says in regard to a/cs of the store he holds them jointly with pickett and that they are not nor cannot be put into such shape that they can be transferred --but more of this when I see you----I have asked Stark several times for that money and puts me off today he put on a few airs and said something about paying the note--I told him that would be all right I presumed that would suit you as well I wish that you would write me as I thought I had mentioned this as coming from Stark and you were particularly desirous to do so it will hurry up the interest there is no danger of his paying the principal for I have learned that he is paying 3% per mo. on a note given for horse----so write me as if you were particularly anxious to get the principal----Am glad to hear that you have bought the "parsonage" I suppose you will keep an open house for "Ministers of the Gospel"---I am sorry to hear that Nat's affairs are getting on so poorly I had hoped that the Son of Rightousness had brought healing in his wings--I wonder why he didnt!

Yours truly,

John McCracken

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Dear Buck

You no doubt think I am a negligent about writing you with reference to that matter of Hoan's &c

I expected to go to Salem before this and have put off my trip from day to day until I find now I shall have to wait until after the arrival of the next mail steamer and shall leave immediately after

I went to Belltown as I wrote you last had a long talk with Hoan he objected to me that the town property belongs to his wife and that she objects to giving a mortgage upon it although it is his ^{own} intention to sell whenever they can get near what it is worth and if not settled before you may rely upon getting that amount. he says is required to ~~open~~ the store he holds them jointly with Pickers and that they are not nor cannot be put into such shape that they can be transferred. But more of this when I say so. I have asked Stark several times for that money and he puts me off. to-day he put on a few

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Now glad to hear that you have bought the parsonage. I suppose you will keep an open house for "ministers of the gospel"

I am sorry to hear that Art's affairs are getting on so poorly. I had hoped that the son of Righteousness had brought healing in his wings. I wonder why he didn't!

Yours truly

John McLean