

Fort Umpqua, Nov. 20th, 1860

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 7th instant, with its enclosures, was not received until the 18th. Enclosed you will find a new note dated on the 20th of October, instead of the 21st, which appears to have been the Lord's day.

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You say many of the Lincoln votes, cast at Salem, were from Polk co. Many of the Lincoln and Douglas men from the upper part of Umpqua Co. voted at Oakland in Douglas County, in order to strengthen the vote against "me and Breck" in Joseph's own bailiwick.

This county and Curry have given a larger number of votes for Breckenridge than I thought they would. These damned federal officers controlled quite a vote here and the officers at the post, (Ft. Umpqua), exerted every effort to secure votes for, what they call, the administration ticket. Several votes given

at this precinct for the Breck ticket were cast by soldiers and officers at the fort.

However, there is no doubt that Lincoln has carried this State and probably California. Douglas did well to lead Breck in California. I see the Douglas men have the Legislature and have secured a Douglas man as successor to old Gwin.

I did not see Cozad's son, as I came out, but I think I shall go up the valley before I start for America, when I will see the family and write you in regard to the condition of the estate. Cozad owed me sixty dollars, which I would like to get before I leave for America. When do you start and when will Nesmith leave?

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