

San Francisco
Nov. 1st 1863

Dear Bush

I arrived here on 30th 12 o'clock at night, in good condition. The overland trip is not as hard as I expected to find it. This morning I read from Heath yours of 23d with letter to Nes enclosed which I have read. I think all you say of Sab Prep. paper &c true. And that the very best has been done for Nes that could have been done. But what shall I say to Simpson & Huntington of their purchase? They may know better than I, but as it appears to me they have an elephant. However I am glad if they can make their money out of it that it has fallen in their hands.

I regret very much that the paper can no longer be controlled by you. In times like the present it is impossible to tell how long we could agree in political matters and therefore if I expected to continue in politics - and I do not - my regrets arise from no political considerations. But from the conviction that we shall have no paper in Oregon that will so fearlessly expose corruption fanaticism and ignorance of aspirants and place men, as the Statesman has done, or exercise so wholesome an influence over the people of Oregon. I regret still more your determination to leave the State. I am certain there is no man in Oregon that I could miss as much as yourself. I do not know how it is with you, but I would have our personal relations continue as they have been. And on my part I know of nothing but separation by distance that could disturb them. Yet I cannot ask you to remain in Oregon for I do not know that I would do so if I were able to leave. And of course you believe you can spend the ballance of your life more pleasantly somewhere else, or you would remain. Wherever you are you will have my kindest wishes, and in afflictions - from which I hope you may be spared - my warmest sympathies.

Heath is very busy buying goods and hopeful of the future. He deserves success and I hope may meet with all that he hopes for.

I will leave here on tuesday on the Golden Age. Shall see Nes as soon as possible. We will do all we can in the matter of Statute Claim, and I hope you will before the close of the Session be able to obtain what is justly due you in that matter.

Hoping to hear from you often, I remain

Yours &c

B. F. Harding

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B. F. Hasceney