

San Francisco  
August 21st, 1885

Dear Bush,

Your favor of 1st inst. answering mine of 10th July ulto, enquiring about Gen. Nesmith, is received; and, I am grateful for the information sent me. Oh, how sad alike to himself and friends, were his last days; and, who can forecast what may befall us in the indefinite future, now at farthest, very soon to come? Heaven avert from us poor its fate!

I found it necessary, on reaching at New York from Liverpool, to return directly home; and, hence the failure to see you again in Oregon, as hoped.

Give my sincerest regards to your estimable children who were so thoughtful of my comfort while your guest at your lovely home in June 1884, and further, believe me as I am, and always shall be,

Fervently Your Friend,

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Dear Asahel,

Your favor of 1<sup>st</sup> inst. answering mine of 10<sup>th</sup> July ulto, enquiring about your health, is received; and, I am grateful for the information sent me. Oh, how sad alike to himself and friends, were his last days; and, who can forecast what may befall us in the indefinite future, now at furthest, very soon to come? Heaven avert from us, poor & feeble!

I found it necessary, on reaching New York from Liverpool, to return directly home; & hence the failure to see you again in Oregon, as hoped.

Give my sincerest regards to your estimable children who were so thoughtful.

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