



Butler P. Anderson (early-late 1800s)

Butler P. Anderson was a lawyer and became active in Oregon Territory politics. He became District Attorney of Washington Territory in 1860. Anderson asked for Bush's assistance when he tried to start a newspaper in the Washington Territory.

Letters to Bush from 1852 to 1861

In the early years, Anderson wrote Bush from Astoria then later from Olympia when he moved to the Washington Territory. Anderson proposed writing articles for the *Oregon Statesman* while in Washington, D.C. in 1855. Anderson wrote about debates in the U.S. House of Representatives and suggested that Bush run on the ticket with Joseph Lane in 1858. Anderson wanted to start a paper in Washington Territory and asked Bush for a loan. He occasionally wrote Bush about his progress and challenges starting his newspaper. Anderson criticized Bush on his pro-Union stance following the election of Abraham Lincoln.