

Oregon City, 9th Oct., 1862.

Gen. J. Palmer.

House of Representatives.

Salem.

My Dear Sir,

Feeling confident that you do not approve of the movement being made in the Legislature to annoy and oppress the heirs of the late Dr. John McLaughlin by the passage of a bill providing for the sale of the pretended right of the University to the Oregon City property, I desire to submit to you that the passage of this bill will merely add insult to the fearful injury already inflicted upon the name and family of the late Doctor, and will benefit no one; for although successive calamities by fire, shipwreck, flood and long years of oppression have almost completed the ruin which Mr. Thurston inaugurated by the unrighteous provisions of the land law in regard to this claim, we have still means enough left us to carry the case to the highest legal tribunal of the land, which is my imperative duty to do, a duty which I owe to my beloved unfortunate family, and failing to secure our just rights, we will as a last resort invoke the interference of the two great nations whose treaty of 1846 we trust will secure to us the property rights bequeathed by the late Doctor McLaughlin to his surviving heirs.

It will be evident to you therefore that interfering in the matter as proposed will only involve the state in an expensive and useless law suit in an endeavor to cruelly oppress the family of one of the truest and most benevolent friends to the early American settler in Oregon.

You know the facts of the case, you know the original act of Congress conditionally giving the University a to be an act of most gross injustice, and you must certainly feel that the only step the Legislature of Oregon should take in the matter is to release all claim and free the state from all connection with such an unholy project. I leave the matter with you. I shall plead for coom justice, I ask for no more, and beg that you will exert your influence to procure us that right.

I have the pleasure to remain

My Dear Sir

To Gen. Palmer.

Your humblr servant

Daniel ~~Wain~~ Harvey

Executor.

