

Capez Oregon City July 20th 1857

Dear Sir

Coming to my works and I believe much
to grant my pecuniary intent I am compelled to
advise you of my determination to withdraw from
the contract entered into in regard to T Lawsons
Branch & property. I find, not only my
private interest here; but the public business with
which I have been ~~trusting~~ engaged in ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~making~~
suffer more if to absent myself. I much regret
this as I am fully convinced that no business could
be entered into with as favorable hopes of success as
the one we had in contemplation, requiring as it did
comparatively no capital to bring it into
successful operation. Our voyage to the
Columbia was a long and laborious one.
I reached home the 25th of this month. Mrs
Palmer had been sick about four weeks
but is now getting better. I made some
inquiry about your block of tolls at Astoria
I could not I was unable to find ~~any~~
block no 11 but if you recollect rightly it was
located in the bend above Astoria point if so
the ~~value~~ ^{value} ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~prospect~~ ~~ive~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~prospect~~ ~~ive~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~prospect~~ ~~ive~~
value is in the prospect. However it
is out of the way, your block could not now
be to advantage. Better let it remain for
yourself and children. The people of Oregon
being extremely desirous to furnish

additional quantities of lumber to build
at ~~the~~ ~~various~~ ~~places~~ in californian, Mills
one being built on most every stream and
our timber is almost inexhaustible. The prod-
= uctiveness of the mines calls off so large a share of
the surplus labour that it is expensive working
our timber into lumber for shipment.

we cannot anticipate a large surplus of bread
stuff ~~as~~ but little wheat ~~has~~ been sown
the demand for vegetables has taken off so
that there is but a limited quantity left for seed

The number of emigrants from the states here has
been less than formerly but we look for an
influx from californian. I am anxious to
learn the opinion of congress on the admission of
californian as one of the states, as it will settle
in some degree that vexed question of slavery
which so ties up legislation we may then hope
for something on this side of the compact

The only Territorial office we have, is a
governor and marshal no courts, no post office
regulations any man for himself. I hope
deal for us all I hope it will not

be so. Except for yourself and for
my highest considerations I am
Dr. John William }
P. Lawson }