ten minutes if they choose to do it, and I am ready to turn over at a moments notice. I have consulted with the District Attorney, who is also Counsel for my sureties here as to what I ought to do. I have not received a line from the Department since I was in office, though I have forwarded my estimates and returns regularly. I shall therefore retain in my own hands the amount of my Salary & my official disbursements & pay the balance only over to their order unless they send me warrants to cover my expenses before Adair arrives. ~~The~~ I never received a cent from them on entering upon the office to pay its current expenses & ~~if~~ I do not choose to wait till they see fit to send me the money, perhaps a year or two. But as my expenditures have been on the smallest scale & are all justifiable & necessary I have no fears that they will be objected to. I wish however to have them settled & my bonds cancelled at once, & I beg you will consult with some one, Col Murray for instance, or Mr Schell and see if it cannot be arranged.

I shall remain at Astoria for some weeks to write out my journals & notes, & then make a break again for the mines or some other money making place. Meantime I hope to hear from you on the subjects ~~of the~~ of my various letters.

I am here for a day or two on business & the mail steamer has just arrived, but I shall