Enclosed is a ~~copy of one~~ letter to Gov. Governor, which when you have read, send to him by mail.

Astoria, Oregon May 23d 1853

My dear Wolcott

The mail steamer came down the day before we expected her and having my monthly reports to send to his office I had left a letter to Mother unfinished, etc. however I sealed up and dispatched when the gun fired and I presume she has received. The mails here are a great nuisance. No one knows within three days when to expect one from San Francisco. The steamer now just drops a way mail here and goes up, and returns when ever it may happen, so that we can never tell when to be ready. Adair did not arrive by the last, but I presume will be in towards the end of this week, which will give me nearly five months in office, and about $1250. salary, a sum sufficient to pay off every thing I owe and have a small balance. I had forwarded the bond which you and mother executed, previous to receiving news of ~~this~~ any removal, in pursuance of Mr Whittlesey's request that if one were executed in New York, it should be substituted for the Oregon bond, but desired mine if it should not be needed to return it to you. I understand they do not return bonds, but on accounts being settled, enter them as cancelled. I should be very glad if, by any means not too troublesome my accounts could be brought to a speedy settlement. The quarterly accounts and vouchers were trans-

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