omitted in April for the preceding three months, and as soon as Adair arrives I shall send on the rest. I wish you would consult with Col. Murray or some one who understands the wires at Washington and see if he can advise how to get them taken up. They are very short and simple as my official expenses are but small. & it would be a great relief to me to know that the State was wiped clean.

I received advice to go to San Francisco and practice law is well meant, but it wont do. I could study a profession over again, and to be any thing as a land title lawyer would require a far more thorough acquaintance with the Spanish language & laws than I ever had. Besides a library would cost a great deal of money, & the expenses of waiting practice would be ruinous. I shall make or find some employment here before long. As to returning to the mines I am not decided upon it, but if there on the Yakima, a branch of the Columbia, where gold is reported, prove true, I shall most certainly start for there. There is an arrangement already made to prospect there.

I am more anxious about Francis than I am about myself, and write him by this mail on the subject. Tell him to show you my letter & advise him about it. It seems to me foolish for him to enter business as a Clerk in Washington, where he will spend his salary on dress & amusements & can never hope to be more than a day goods jobber anyway.

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