I can get them put through at Washington. The department have not vouchsafed me one line since I have been in office, except to order the payment of one of Adams old matters - & if they are proportionately long in auditing my quarterly returns, I may be in the Sandwich Islands or Sitka or Sidney before they take them up. The Columbia is tremendously high this year. At Vancouver nearly up to the fort, a rise of 20 feet or more - All the low lands are overflowed. and the Pikes who have squatted wherever they saw any "flats" are drowned out like musquashes. The election for Delegate has just come off. Lane who resigned his office of Governor to run is elected over Skinner by 1000 or 1200 I presume. This country is unmitigatedly Pike and of course Loco foco. Perhaps you dont know what a Pike is. He is a natur either of Pike Keawnty Missouri, or of Posey Keawnty Illinye, brought up in Pike, Missouri aforesaid & is in the West the representation of Hoosierdom in the abstract, as characteristic as a first family is in Virginia. Ignorant, conceited, arrogant, dirty, hog & hominy people are the Pikes - the women with big feet - dirty clothes & a drawl to which the veriest Connecticut is outspoken. The men believers in Gen Jackson, Tom Benton, and "Old Joe" Lane who drinks whiskey with them & kisses their children. Vaya.

I dont remember anything certain about the Gracie lots. Howe will undoubtedly find the deeds

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