date of yours march 9th

Sat. ~~April~~ May 11th sunday 1838

I enclose a letter from Mr Webster to Mr Hall which will explain itself. Mr Hall begs that you will not let the government suppose that your residence W. P. in Oregon is not permanent.

My dear George.

We had the comfort and happiness to receive the day before yesterday three letters from the Pacific one from each of the absent ones to begin with Frank, his greatest experience seems to have been the fleas on the Isthmus and an encounter with a black spider. however I do not wish to infer that his letter was not manly and in fact I felt much relieved that he seems to have been much impressed with the responsibility of his position and also with its advantages which he must not be allowed to forget in either case. his volatility being so great that I rely more upon his affections than his resolves. For him I am in fear of self indulgence as that will be the rock upon which he will split. if he fails to be worthy of his name and my love and hopes for him — I am. Sorry my dear Son to see or fancy from the tone of your letter of the that you seem rather depressed or rather disappointed in your expectations. We hear that a great many sturdy Illinois farmers are about emigrating to Oregon which will cause a favorable change in the state of things. I really hope you will not be discouraged for there are those who look to your filling some high political station and I am sure that more interest is expressed for your advancement than ever before, Mr Prescott Hall has been ill with gout, I rather think his health is failing. no man can hold out long with such habits of life, remember that when you want any thing here, that you should let us know at once and among the first. Mr Hall has doubtless great friendship for you but he has habits of procrastination and spends much time in hearing back and forwards to his beautiful estate near Newport. still when we know what you want we can cooperate with him. I am not without influential friends. your last letter gives us more particular accounts of your prospects and why you should wish those travels, what results they can have in your favor I cannot divine, Wolcott saw Charles Wolcott last night, he seemed to think that three