

LAFAYETTE, OREGON,  
June 21st, 1861.

Dear Lincoln:-

You will see by the enclosed, that I am doing all in my power to keep things right here.

There is a much stronger Secession feeling in Oregon than is generally believed.

In my opinion the election of Baker and Nesmith to the Senate, and the consequent defeat of Breckinridge and Lane in Oregon and California in November, is all that saves this Coast from going with the South. As it was, the timely appearance of Gen. Sumner at San Francisco saved the public property of California from falling into the hands of the Secessionists.

I think all is now safe, notwithstanding the Governors of both California & Oregon openly avow their hostilities to your policy of putting down the Rebellion.

The Douglas wing of the Democracy are a Unit here in Oregon, in support of your policy. The Organ (The Statesman) is the most zealous and efficient supporter you have in Oregon if not on the Pacific Coast.

I am now on my farm, doing little or nothing. If I can aid the Government in the capacity of Surgeon (for which I am best fitted) or in any other way, you can at a moment's notice command my services.

That God may give you Strength & Wisdom to discharge your very responsible duties, is the daily Prayer of your old & unwavering friend.

A. G. HENRY

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I have no misgivings about your ultimate triumph over the Rebellion. It may with truth be said of your Army as was said of Oliver Cromwell's Regiment-"Being well armed within by the satisfaction of their consciences, and without, with good Iron Arms, they will as one man stand firmly, and charge desperately."

We have just heard of the death of Mr. Douglas. He died surrounded by a blaze of Patriotic Glory, and his memory will be cherished by all true Patriots.

Remember us most kindly to Mrs. Lincoln. Yours as ever  
A. G. HENRY.