

Letter No. 28

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My dear Harris

Your two letters reached me in due time. You can feel perfectly easy as regard your decision to employ Mr. Maloney in your case - Of course such a course is preferable to having one come up from below. As you say he is constantly on hand and can advise you from step to step - Pay Ring is in Melrose Mass, as I wrote you and will be there for some time. You had better sent those papers on as soon as possible as he may have to go to sea In regard to getting an order of court, of course I did not do so, as I had to wait to hear from Ring before I could tell where to find him - You should have sent those papers by the December steamer. The Court does not issue the Order under the Oregon statutes - the Clerk of the Court does that, and I wrote to Lewis about it, and sent you the papers, so they could be served on Fuller and Order could go to Mass. by the December steamer - if you don't hurry up the other side may force you to a trial without that evidence, on the ground of negligence as there has always been a Clerk at Sitka.

Now that McClellan is so important, by all means, get his testimony before going to trial and stave the trial off forever, until you do get it. I met Mike Hayes, and of course our friend McGregor I see by the papers that Lt. Cmdr Nichols is down, although I have not seen him. I don't get on any too well with him so I leave him alone.

Private - Mr. McKenna wants to take a Bond of the Harris Mine for \$3000.00. I wrote him he could have if he paid cash \$300.00, and then the Bond would run until January 1st 1887 before which time the balance of the purchase money \$2700.00 was to be paid or the Bond would be void. He is to do the assessment work for 1886. Say nothing of this, and I'll write you immediately I hear from him.

From present appearances I hardly think I'll be on duty this summer, in which I shall be up there again to take some more prospecting trips.

Pilz has been re-arrested, on account of poor Bondsmen. I think there is no doubt. but what he will go to San Quentin. Mr. Radovich seems to be a little mad at him for giving him a deed of a lot of Island property to which Pilz had no title. However, Mr. Radovich has done a great deal for him. He told Mr. R. that the boys in Alaska had raised \$800.00 for him, but Hayes only gave him a few dollars. You see he was trying to make out that Hayes stole the balance. But keep all this to yourself, until you get his deposition, and you better have Mr. Maloney send for that very soon. Did Pat Corcoran ever get anything about his wharf debt. Write me next steamer. With kind regards to all I am your true friend.

J.B.Coghlan

I don't know when you can catch Lt. McClellan, as his vessel is now abroad.