

Portland May 9 1848

Benajah Pratt Esqr.

Dear Sir

it may appear somewhat strange to you that I have not yet call'd on you & clos'd up the land tracks which you have arrang'd, I have been so much engag'd on business of the roads, in & about Portland that it was impossible for me to pay any more attention to land damages on the 3^d division

Since that time I have been out of health & therefore I could not come & see you

As it will be impossible for me to tell when I can see you - but I wish you to hold on, until I can see you & close up all our matters

If you come to Portland I wish you ^{to} take with you all the deeds & papers & if I am here I can & will adjust all these matters here

Yours &c

E. F. Beak