

Butteville Marion Co Oregon Feb Nov 7th 1851

Mr McCulloch

Sir as I do not enjoy the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you & Mrs McCulloch yet by reputation I know you as easy as the boy knew his Daddy this then is the only apology that I need offer by way of assisting Amanda in the completion of this correspondence your letter to Mr Hale of May last is before me - from which I learn that you entertain some idea of emigrating to this western clime the ensuing season & if such should be the case be assured Sir of having my best wishes for your speedy & safe arrival in our midst

And as to the merits of Oregon I will briefly give you my humble opinion as they occur to my mind And would say in the first place that no country within the bounds of our republic offers greater inducements to emigration than Oregon does at the present time & I will give you a few facts in support of my position we have a very mild & extremely healthy climate a productive soil with the whole western world for a market which must ever insure the husbandman a liberal compensation for his daily toils and at the same time it does not require but little more than one half the labour to carry on a farm in this country that is necessary in yours there is undoubtedly no portion of the civilized world that will beat Oregon soil & climate producing wheat & at the same time farmers here are raising large herds of stock which requires but little of their time or attention as they do subsist & keep in good condition the year round without any other care or food than that which nature has so abundantly provided this favoured land you see the date of this letter & yet we have

years Sence will be hard to get here Uncle Samuel
Hall was here & stopt with us for a few days he liked
Oregon very much & is now on his way back for his
family he is coming by sea and will get there perhaps
before this letter I can tell you more than I can
write William Singenfelter arrived here a bout two
months ago and says he likes Oregon very well
he talks of taking a Claim in this neighbour hood
you wrote to Ben requesting him to write to you
whether it would justify you in breaking up
and coming to Oregon or not I think you would
do well any man that can work at any thing
can do well here you need not be scared about getting
a house to live in after you get here un til you
get one of your own for there is plenty of empty
ones and them that is occupied by batches who would
be glad to get some body to live with them through
the winter there can be farms rented at a reasona^{ble}
price at that season of the year as there are a great
many farms owned by Bachelors and mechanics who gain
a lively hood by their trades and different occupations I must
now close this badly written letter which you will please
excuse Father and Mother send their love to you also all of
your Brothers and Sisters and hope soon to give you a
hearty welcome to our adopted Country no more at this time
but remain yours affectionately Amanda McKees
William & Angeline McCullough }