

April 14, 1862

New Bedford Mass April 14-1862  
Dear Friends

I take this liberty, as bestowed was  
privilege of addressing our dear friends -  
the late I know of you, your well liked ad-  
a friend in South West District on that  
sacrifice as called. I wish we were together  
at the first great change from Tarkenton  
Mass - in my own affairs at least - your  
now friend in the place I name at the  
head of the sheet, how has been about  
your speech, I have growing in it by inquiry  
or feeling of boys, all the way through it  
iniquity that selling some standing,  
I think some times in our meeting  
the medals of Western states but was  
well personally impressed with anything  
I saw - think some of going to the States  
what say you, can we make our living  
in your country - what of the work for the  
last few years, as we think it to be had  
in your towns etc. What has been of  
all our associates - what is the condition  
of the road from Portland or from New  
to Fort Fairfield - I learn nothing of our  
society of this -

Yours in great haste  
John W. Bond

April 11, 1862

Joshua W. Frost  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 1862

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