

Springfield, March 2, 1843.

Friend Richard:

I received yours of the 27th ult., in due course, for which I thank you. The fact mentioned by you that an impression was being made that I ~~was~~ did not wish to be a candidate was precisely the reason of my writing you before.

The Bill forming the Districts is now a law, and our District is composed of Putnam, Marshall, Woodford, Fagewell, Logan, Mason, Meppard, Cass, Scott, Morrison and Sangamon.

Last night the Whigs of the State, now here, held a meeting and recommended that a convention be held in each District on or before the first Monday of May, to nominate candidates for Congress. By this recommendation your County will have two delegates in our Convention. Why might you not be one of those Delegates?

You will see the full length proceedings of the meeting in the Journal. The meeting was large, and every resolution passed unanimously, and I do hope the principles & recommendations put forth by them may be responded to with the same unanimity by our friends every where. If they shall be so responded to, we shall yet, and at no very distant day, be of

the majority in the State.

Write me again, if it is not too trouble-
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Yours as Ever

A. Lincoln

[R.S. Thomas]