

Springfield, May 11th 1843-

Friend Warden.

Butler informs me that he received a letter from you, in which you express some doubt as to whether the whigs of Chagrin will support you cordially. - You may, at once, dismiss all fears on that subject. - We have already resolved to make a particular effort to give you the very largest majority possible in our county. - From this, no whig of the county dissent. - We have many objects for ~~congratulation~~. - We make it a matter of honor and pride to do it; we do it, because we love the whig cause; we do it, because we like you personally; and last, we wish to convince you, that we do not bear that hatred to Morgan county, that your people have so long seemed to imagine. - You will see by the journal of this week, that we propose, upon pain of losing a Barbecue, to give you twice as great a majority in this county as you shall receive in your own. - I got up the proposal. -

Who of the five appointed, is to write the District address? - I did the labour of writing one address this year, and got thunder for my reward. - Nothing new here.

Yours as ever.

A. Lincoln

P.S. I wish you would measure one of the longest of those three swords, we took to Alton, and write me the length of it, from tip of the point to tip of the hilt, in feet & inches. I have a dispute about the length. - A. L.

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