

Springfield, Jan^y 27. 1846

Dear James:

Yours enclosing the articles from the Whig is received - In my judgment you have hit the matter exactly right - I believe it is too late to get the articles in the Journal of this week; but Dickinson will understand it just as well from your paper, knowing, as he does, your position towards me - More than all, I wrote him at the same time I saw you - As to suggestions for the committee, I would say appoint the convention for the first Monday of May - as to the place, I can hardly make a suggestion, so many points desiring it - I was at Petersburg Saturday and Sunday; and they are very anxious for it there - A friend has also written me, desiring it at Beaufort -

I would have the committee leave the mode of choosing delegates to the whigs of the different counties, as may best suit them respectively - I would have them propose, for the sake of uniformity that the delegates should all be instructed as to their name, and the delegation of each county should go as a unit - If, without this, some counties should send united delegations & others divided ones, it might make bad work -

Also have it proposed, that when the convention shall meet, if there shall be any absent delegates, the members present may fill the vacancies, with persons to act under the same instructions, which may be known to have been given to such absentees - You understand - Other particulars I leave to you - I am sorry to say I am afraid I can not go to Messrs, so as to attend to your

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business; but if I shall determine to go there, I
will write you -

Do you hear any thing from Woodford & Marshall?
Davenport, ten days ago, passed through here, and
told me Woodford is safe; but, though in hopes,
I am not entirely easy about Marshall -
I have so few personal acquaintances in that county,
that I can not get at right - Dickinson is do-
ing all that any one man can do; but it seems
like it is an over-task for us -

I suppose Dr. Henry will be with you on Saturday -
I got a letter from him to-day on the same subject
as yours; and shall write him before Saturday -

Yours truly,
A. Lincoln

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