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Friend Gates:

I presented your claim to Douglass' this morning; he says it is all right, and that he will pay it in a few days - When he shall have done so, you shall hear from me at once -

Things have not advanced far enough, to enable me to tell you much in the way of politics, more than you see in the papers - I believe Mr. Calhoun, and what force he can control, are preparing to support Genl. Taylor for the Presidency - I get this impression from conversations with Duff Green, who boards at the same house I do - There are, however, a great many whigs here who do not wish to go for Taylor, and some of whom, I fear can not be brought to do it - There are still many others of them who are strong for him, among whom I class Mr. Crittenden, although he does not expressly say so - I shall be pleased to have a line from you occasionally.

Yours truly,
A. Lincoln