

Springfield Jan. 1st. 1849

To His Excellency Gen. Zachary Taylor

The Undersigned members of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, take great pleasure in tendering to your Excellency, on behalf of near a Million of free people, our sincere congratulations on your elevation to the Presidency of this great and growing Republic - and to express our confidence in your ability and determination to give to the Country an Administration that shall secure the permanent welfare & prosperity of the whole Union.

Entertaining the opinion that in the formation of your Cabinet your Excellency may feel disposed to select one from the free States of the North West; we would most respectfully direct your attention to our distinguished fellow Citizen Col. E. D. Baker as a Gentleman every way qualified to render you that assistance in the Administration of the Government, which you have a right to expect from a Cabinet Minister. Should your Excellency be disposed to confer so great a distinction upon Col. Baker, it would be highly gratifying to your friends in this State,

and in our opinion give very general
satisfaction to the Whigs of this section
of the Union.

With sentiments of high
consideration, we remain
Dear Sir Your friends
and Obedt Servants

(Signed by all the Whig members
of the Legislature.)

I have such evidence as ena-
bles me to say I know the
within recommendation was sign-
ed by all the Whig members
of the Illinois Legislature

A. Lincoln