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My Dear Sir - We are in the midst of what will probably be the warmest contest for Congress that we have ever had in this district - if the election was near at hand - Williams, I think would be elected beyond a doubt - This district is to be the great battle field, the defeat of Richardson at this time, would be the downfall of Douglas, standing and occupying the same position on the Nebraska humbug - every foul and unfair means will be brought to operate against Williams - Douglas is to be here and will in this and other counties of the district - Williams has just left for Oquaka - it being court in Henderson on Monday next - and has requested me to say to you, that he, as well as all the Whigs here, would be much gratified if you could make it convenient and pay us a visit, while the little giant is here - It is believed by all who know you, that a reply from you, would be more effective, than from any other - I trust you may be able to pay us the visit and thereby create a debt of gratitude on the part of the Whigs here, which they may at some time, have it in their power, to repay

with pleasure and with interest - we do not
exactly know when Douglas will be here -
but you can consent to come, we will let
you ^{know} in time - I will thank you to answer
this as soon as convenient - and be assured
that nothing will afford greater pleasure
to your personal friends and the Whigs gen-
erally than your consent to visit us - and
the Douglassites would as soon see old met
here as yourself - The present indications
here are good - This county will do better, or I
am much mistaken, than it has done for
many years - Pike will give a decided ma-
jority for us - Brown will do as well as on for-
mer occasions although Singleton is doing all
in his power against us - we here favorably from
all parts of the district - and I think with
your assistance, we can checkmate them

Trusting to hear from you soon

I remain

Yrs truly
A. Jones

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

A. Jonas
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