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Hon A. Lincoln

Dear Sir

I love you & want you to be a U. S. Senator from Illinois - but there is no whig elected to the Legislature from LaSalle -

Our members are David Strawn a nephew of Old Jacob Strawn & Morgan and Fred. S. Day - an eastern man originally - and for several years a citizen of Peru - a merchant - produce dealer - and more recently a banker &c - Strawn is a plain substantial farmer - Day is a cute little man without much stamina & like most men of his course of life - is purely mercenary They are both of Loco-foco Stock

I saw Mr Coffing of Peru & from him learned that Day was probably in favor of Mr Sweet - (who was beaten for Congress by Thompson Campbell) for the Senator - Coffing proposed to see you & I suggested to him to take measures

to commit him for you as a second choice if Sweet's chance failed - He said he would try him - I have however very little hope of doing you any good in that quarter - I am sorry to say -

I am very busy professionally and am not posted on political chances - but I sincerely hope you may succeed -

My good old father - now lives in your city & I expect to be there in January and if any phase presents - where you think I can serve you - dont fail to draw on me - The Old gentleman is a genuine old fashioned - moderate Kentucky Abolitionist - and might be of use to you with some of the abolitionists - He is a presbyterian preacher & perhaps if it is convenient thro some of your Presbyterian friends - you better make his acquaintance if you have not -

I would be glad to hear from you as to the probable "lay of the land" as to your success - I am your friend - and find no fault with your voracity

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