

Bath, Ms. No. 20, 1854.

Hon. A. Lincoln:

Dear Sir:



Your note of Nov. 11, is just received, and I proceed to reply to you as I can, which is not definitely. I may safely say that I look upon your claims with great favor, but still I hold it to be my duty to go for the candidate indicated by the popular will of the district I represent, when ascertained—provided always, that I shall go for no Nebraska-Douglas man, under any circumstances which I can imagine. I profess not, at this early day, committing my vote to any individual, which will leave me free to act, when I can do so more advisedly.

I will end this with a "selfish" request—which is that you will take the trouble to drop me a line and inform me what was the result of the suit involving the title to the Fazewell House in Pekin, at the late term of the Court. I have not heard how it resulted, and am anxious to learn.

In haste, and with respect,

Yours,

J. M. Ruggles.

Hon. A. Lincoln,

Springfield

L. H. Ruggles  
Mass.

