

Hon A Lincoln
Springfield

Solih December 11. 1854



Dear Sir

Your letter to Mrs Goodell under date of the 6th inst is just received. Mrs Goodell is absent in New York and Washington and will probably not return before ten days hence.

His letter was opened by me (supposing it to be a business and the injunction "let this be confidential" occurring in the last line) I am in possession of the whole thing and being of the same political faith with yourself conclude to take the responsibility and answer your interrogatories. Mrs John Stunt has always been a strong Whig and always will be. is a man of strong prejudices and violent choleric nature, but affects to be as he indeed is to a great degree) an inflexibly honest man, having attained among many of his neighbours the sobriquet of honest John, should think you had better write him. I am inclined to think he is more like myself more Whig than free soil. His Post Office address is Monroeville Hancock Co. mail via Chicago.

With Mrs Hill's political antecedents I am not at all acquainted nor do I know his post office address. Judge G. D. A Parks resides here with him I am

well acquainted and happen to know his predilections for
W. S. Senator though I do not feel at liberty to
state them. I will state however that I do not think
he is aware of you are a candidate, and further that
for many reasons this preference is not available at present
Judge Park was a Democrat this being the second
time he has flown the track and been elected
to office. He lost the regular nomination and
was elected County Judge through the aid of the
Whigs and is now elected to the legislature
through the same influence aided by the anti-Webster
preference. Judge P. is a man of considerable
ability and I have no doubt would be glad to
hear from you. address I like
with Mrs. Strawn & Day I am but very slightly
acquainted. Mr S is a Cattle dealer and farmer
Mr Day is connected with the Bank of Penn.
with my best wishes for your success and the assurance
that yours to Mrs Lowell shall be considered
confidential I am

Yours Very Respectfully
James M. Douglass

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