

Private

House of Reps.

Dec. 12. 1854.



Dear Sir:

An influential friend of mine in Winnebago county writes me taking ground against you for Senator. I regret that, as it may be important for you to be heard from that county, Dr. Lyman and Senator Folcott, the objection to you is that it is alleged that the Springfield influence has always been against us in the north, and that if you should be elected the north would be overlooked for the center and south part of the State. I want to be able to write my friend that the north shall have a fair share in the event of your election. It may do great good. I learn that the friends of Shields are not without hope of his success. Our friends should bring the election on at the earliest possible moment. All delay will operate to our injury.

Yours, &c.

Wm. A. Lincoln

E. B. Washburn

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Hon. A. Lincoln,

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