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Dr. Lincoln
Dear Sir,

Yours of 6th inst. is received with contents noted. In answer I would say that I would do anything I can to further your object, but this way the prospect is not flattering. My brother who is elected in the district that I represent is an abolitionist of the Lovejoy stamp and has been for several years I suppose will leave no stone unturned to elect to the United States Senate Lovejoy or Codding or some one of that stamp & it would be worse than useless for one to attempt to do anything in the premises if they are not able to carry such a man & presume they would look around & see what they would think best to do but rest assured that there will be an effort to elect such an one & my brother belongs to that class who for years have thrown away their votes rather
than vote for any one except of what they conceive of as right stamp, & yet if you become acquainted with him you will find him in the mean a most able man. I have been thus explicit that you might be the better prepared to approach him & see what you can do. Have you not there some pretty prominent man of his way of thinking through whom you could approach him, how is it, with Benj Edwards or some other such kind of man but I shall leave him for you to figure with as you or your friends think best. Dr. Lyon our Representative was elected on the Fusion ticket but is a Democrat & with all a strong party man & therefore I think you need not expect much from him. Mr. Lawrence of Belvidere I think is a Whig & I have no doubt would help you. Mr. Diggins I am not acquainted with I do not know how he stands in the political ranks. Wishing all the success you can ask in your undertaking I must bid you good bye.

Tho. B. Saloot
P.S. Let me hear from you occasionally as you proceed & you will keep this letter to yourself.

Yours, J.B.T.
Dec 14/54

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