

Rockton Dec 14/54



Mr. Lincoln

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th inst. is received & 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 represents 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 I 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 ^{such as} ~~of~~ what they
conceive of the right stamp, & yet if you
become acquainted with him you will
find him in the main a reasonable 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 & your friends think best. Dr. Lyman
our Representative was elected on the Fusion
ticket but is a Democrat & withall 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. Siggins I am not acquainted
with & 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

Thos B. Talcott

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

~~Yours truly~~

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