

Chicgo 17th Dec 1854



Mr Lincoln

Dear Sir as we mutually desire to see the downfall of slavery & the defeat of democracy I therefore take the liberty of addressing you upon Illinois politics, Since your name has been used in connection with the election of a U.S. Senator, the Democrats have been at work in this section Wm. P. Weston our representative elect as you are aware is a violent partisan more sanguine than cautious, and posted as to his party plans, I think the old line trusty democrats are to assemble at Springfield a few days in advance and

prepare the way if possible for
the Nebraska & Antinebraska democrats
to caucus together with the usual
pledge to abide the nomination
but their contradictory object
will be to prevent the election
of a Whig. I have been told
by those who ought to know ^{that}
there are 42 Whigs in the
house & 9 in the Senate
giving a Whig majority of
1 on joint ballot to say
nothing of Antinebraska
democrats. (I can hardly think this
is so) the democrats count
on the vote of S. M. Gray
Whig elect from Pope &c
for a U. S. Senator, as he is
pledged to vote for a Democrat
e Senator - If the reported
promise of Gray be true
it may be of advantage to

you to know it, if known
to already no harm is done. The result
of our congressional election
has taught me the necessity
of vigilance, had Col. Green
written to a single Whig of Clay
setting ^{forth} his prospects in the north
part of the district 10 days before
the election he could have had
a majority of votes in this
county, We appointed delegates
to attend the Whig convention
(that should have been held at ~~any~~)
who went there - then we waited
to see or hear from Archer con-
sequently nothing was ~~done~~ for
him until the day before the
election this accounts for the
vote of Richland Co - If you
can give me the political creed
of the Illinois legislature you
will confer a favor by informing
me by return mail & if any other

items come to hand that I think
may be of interest & will inform
you at once -

Very Respectfully
Horace Hayward

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