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Mr. Lincoln,

I write this in my mutual desire to see the downfall of Douglas as the defeat of democracy. I think you take the liberty of addressing you upon Illinois' side. Since your name has been used in connection with the election of a New Senator, the Democrats have been at work in this section. Mr. Norton, our representative elected as you are aware, is a violent partisan, more sanguine than cautious, and partisan as to his party plans, I think the old line, truly democratic, are to assemble at Springfield a few days in advance and
prepare the way if possible for the Nebraska and Nebraska democrats to canvas together with the union
pledge to abide the nomination
but their controlling object will be to prevent the election of a Whig. I have been told that if there who ought to know there are 42 Whigs in the house & 9 in the Senate giving a Whig majority of 1 on joint ballot to say
nothing of Antimissouri democrats (I can hardly think this is so) the democrats count on the vote of 1 Missouri Whig elect from Pope to
for N. S. Senator as she is pledged to vote for a democrat & I know of 1 only be you
it may be of advantage to
you to know it, if known to always have it done. The result of our congressional election had taught me the necessity of vigilance, had not been written to a single Whig of Clay's sitting 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 a delegate to attend the Whig convention (that should have been held at Warsaw) who went there—then we waited to see or hear from Archibald consequently 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 and if the Illinois legislature you will cause a favor by informing me if retired M. I. is any thing
It was come to hand that I think may be of interest and will inform you at once. Very Respectfully,

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