

(Confidential)

Washington Dec 20
1854

Hon A. L. Colver,
Dorchester.



I trust you have
got my letter before this, by
Wade Lewis's slow line, and have
become satisfied that I am
not unwilling to talk with
you on that subject. I have
written to an influential Whig
in Oswego (Kendall Co), to have
your interests looked to in
connexion with these Delegates.
I have also written to my
friend Struss of New York.
I have also written a kind
but pointed letter to Eastman

of the Firm West. I hope
he will see the impropriety of
his course. I find there is
likely to be a quite a swarm
of Candidates. It seems to
me that one of the main
things to be done, is to
Run down all bickerings in
the newspapers, as leading
almost certainly to heart
burnings & a schism.

I feel a great delicacy in
writing to Judge Foster, lest
we should feel that I had an
idea, that I ought to have influ-
enc'd you with ^{him} on account of his
being bro't out & elected as he was.
Let me therefore call your attention
to my former suggestion as to
McIntosh.

Richardson proposes to believe
that Shields will again be

returned. But they repudi-
ate all ideas of refusing
to go into an election.

If I can serve you in
any way, make the call.

Very truly,

J. O. Boston.

J. O. Norton

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Hon A. Lincoln

Springfield
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