

House of Reps

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My dear Sir: I received your

last night. I have this moment  
had a long talk with Giddings  
and he is your strongest possible  
friend and says he would walk  
clear to Illinois to elect you. He will do  
anything in the world to aid you, and he will  
to-day write his views fully on the  
whole subject to Owen Lovejoy, in order  
that he may present them to all  
the free-soilers in the Legislature. He will  
advise them most strongly to go for you  
in person.

There is great rejoicing <sup>among the abolition</sup> in the house to-day  
on the report that your county has elected a colored  
Abolitionist in your place. They now claim the elec-  
tion of Shields as certain. This needs explanation.  
Yours truly  
Wm. L. Chapin