

Macomb Decr 28<sup>th</sup> AD 1854

Friend Lincoln

Dear Sir



Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> reached me this morning confirming what had all ready been written Campbell who has been for two or three days upon the streets stating that your county had now made the Nebraska question a tie on joint ballot & urging every loco to the polls as all now depended upon this county as to whether our next Senator be a whig or a Locofoco Nebraska man. At this time they are a moving every thing in their power for their man we are apprised of their steps and if we are beaten it will be not that the voters do not know of the efforts of our opponents but because they are better drilled than we because they have the whiskey boys on their side who will go to the polls for a spree while the whigs are rather neglectful of their duty I have seen and talked to many and so far as I can learn all say they will be on hand we are increasing our numbers here in Macomb & I hope for success I think we will meet them at the polls. Every Irish man in the county that had not their papers are getting them if possible. Their course is known



In regard to Campbell he will do anything  
that Douglass tells him no difference what  
it is. In my opinion the Senate  
will not have his equal to do the duty  
work of Douglass, so far as his ability goes  
as our firm Campbell, he is repenting  
of his course on this question in the last  
Senate, & in order to get forgiveness he will  
try to lead of in Measures &c, for him  
& his support. I think I venture nothing  
in predicting thus much.

We hope for fair weather  
on Saturday and be it good or bad  
will fight them until the close of the  
polls.

Respect yours  
W. H. Randolph