

Post Office, Eminence Ill., Sept. 19th 1856
Hon. W. Lincoln Esq;

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Dear Sir, I had the Honour of
a Letter from you, Dated on the 9th instant, in which
you inform me, that you had been informed that
I was a Fillmore man, how such a Report could have
been gotten out, I am unable to understand, I have
always been a Whig, and was truly a Fillmore Man,
until he was found in bad Company, but Sir, as
I was opposed to the Repeal of the Mo. Restrictions, and
to the Nebraska, **Kansas** outrage, I at once be-
came an apte Nebraska man, and have battled with
all the influence that I possess I am now Balloting
for Mr Fremont, with all my might, and please
let me say to you, that in my humble way, that
I am doing as much perhaps as the vast of our
Country folks for the Cause of Fremont, I have ex-
pended considerable of funds, in circulating Co-
ngressional Specimens of the Right Stripe, I have sent
to the Editors of N.Y. Tribune for to be sent to
persons of a doubtful Characters with regard
to who they would vote for, I have sent to
the Editors of State Journal for the same pur-
pose, and let me assure you that I am making
it pay, you are aware perhaps, that this pre-
cinct has always been the Terror of the Democra-
cy of this County, and Congressional District
this precinct once Elected to Congress Hon John
F Stewart, and at the Time that you was Elected

to Congress, we gave your Swedenbals, to old uncle
peters one, this precinct has been the strong hold of
Whigery and has heretofore Governed the Political
Aspect of Logan County, and as Mr. Fillmore was
Elected to the vice presidency as a Whig, many of the Whigs
in this Section of our County still adhere to him
not considering by whom he was dominated, hence the
Difficulty here to get all the Whigs here to drop him
has been to cause of all my Labour, but as I state
above, I have made it pay, our precinct has re-
cently been cut in two by ~~an~~ County Court
therefore we shall be able to cast ^{no} more than per-
haps ^{then} one hundred and fifty or sixty votes, of
these Mr. Fremont will get 115. Fillmore 25
and old Patch Buck say from 15 to 20 votes; I think
that this statement can be relied upon, as we
now stand, but as I have a strong helper in the
shape of Col. Sumner, who was heretofore a Demo-
crat, we can I think still reduce the Fillmore
vote, what few Democrats or Buchanan Men
we have here, they are dyed in the wool, thun-
der and lightning or in Dutch Denmark and Bl-
itsen, would not change their political aspect,
You are aware, that I am postmaster at this
place, and for which reason, I must ask you
to make this Confidential, if old uncle Frank was
to hear that I suppose Mr. Fremont, I would
get my walking papers pretty quick,

Now with regard to the Kansas Troubles, I have again and again sent funds for the Relief of the Sufferers of Kansas, and Sir, Was I a young Man, I should send myself to Kansas to help them fight it out, but as I am now almost 70 years of age, and weigh some 250 lbs, I should make too Big a Mark for their Border Ruffians to Shoot at,

The Speech that you made at Atlanta the other Evening told Well, Many of the Fillmore Men that were present, have come Right Side up,

Col. Richardson, Traitor dug or Lillie Dug, are to be at Atlanta on Wednesday the 17th instant, to insult the unterrified, Many of the Fremonters will be present, to cheer Fremont after Lillie dug is done speaking

I must now close otherwise you will Give Before you Read the half of it, I will only add, that Emimence is 4 Miles due West from Atlanta, and that here is the Garden Spot of the Great prairie State, that this Community are Mostly farmers that they all have pretty farms, pretty White Houses, pretty Wives and pretty Children and Good Schools, for the instructions of these pretty Children, Good Society, how can it be otherwise when we are ^{all} Right Side up

as ever, your Truly and Respectfully
John Hawes