

Lincoln, March 24 1858

Wm. O. M. Hatch

My dear Sir:

It is next to impossible for me to leave here now. I received your letter and inclosures. My judgment is that we must never see old friends to buy old enemies. Let us have a State convention, in which we can have a free consultation, ^{and} till which, let us all stand firm, making no commitments as to strange and new combinations. This is the sum of all the counsel I could give if with you; and you are at liberty to show to discreet friends.

Yours very truly,
A. Lincoln.