Boston, May 24, 1858

Mr. Lincoln,

Dear Sir,

I am in this city of Washington, and am very well and will write to you a hearty letter from Washington some days ago, and since which time I have been in Phila. Baltimore, &c. I am here. I saw you and the fun or any of our conversations is interesting to you I will relate.

He talked to me 20 m. He usually wants me to understand and I sent back to the Senate. He did not say so to me to many words, yet his feelings are with them. I know them from the mind and heart of his conversation. He talked bitterly—somewhat to argue with the Sabine in 1855 and said they were fools. I asked him this question—"You, as you want to see a 3rd party organized, do you want a 3rd party to ride in the trough through the church, which he clings to much abuse and sold and which he replied, "Let the future alone; it will all come right—Kempler is a brave man. Forget the past and sustain the present." Good you rest, sir.
Since I have landed in Boston I have seen much that was entertaining and interesting. This morning I was introduced to Mr. Bancroft. He and I had a conversation about Republicanism and especially about Democrats. He asked me this question—“You will sustain Mr. Lincoln, won’t you?” and to which I said, “no—never.” He affected to be much distressed and to the matter he proceeded and turned on Republicanism in general—Lincoln, Seward and others, that land hemmed in—Harris—want them sustained and will try to do it. Several persons have asked me the same question which Banks asked and earnestly they put their views—ideas or what not from their—Edward R._By the way, I have remembered to the other—The Republican standard is too high: the awful something practiced. This may not be interesting to you, but however it may be it is my duty to state what is going on so that you may head it off—Congress it is, anyway. I hope it can be done. The northern men are cold to me somewhat repulsion.

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