Urbana, Ill., April 23, 1858

Hon. J. J. Harlan
Charleston, Ill.

My dear Sir,

I wish you, G. M. Davis of Edgar, and O. S. Davis of Vermilion, to cooperate in getting a denominational candidate on the track in your District. Davis is now and always to do his part in the canvass. The adversary has risen. You that have district, your price beat is solid, and unassailable. Under these circumstances, a District Convention may or may not be the best way for you to judge of that. I think you better take some good reliable Fillmore men into conference with you, and also some proper person or persons from Vermilion. Indeed, it may appear expedient to select a Fillmore man as the canvass. I also write to Davis. I am more anxious to know that you will not neglect this matter, not crating that you price so it lightly, if you may take the risk of it.

I was in Springfield during the sitting of the two democratic conventions. Any before you may say what the rule they are having or abundance of trouble. Our friends
were also there in considerable numbers, from a few
out pairs of the shore. They are seen in large
 quantities, and their initials are not known, it might
be our own forefathers. I've seen them in
your friends, sir.

H. Lincoln