Greenville, Rock Co., Ills.
May 1st, 1858.

Hon. A. Lincoln:

Dear Sir:—I am about to make a request of you, in behalf of the leading Republicans, and also of several leading Fillmore men, of this county, which I have not much hope you will comply with. It is that you will attend the Republican county convention to be held here, to elect delegates to the State Convention and make us a speech. The politics of this county are in a peculiar condition. The vote at the last Presidential election stood: Fillmore, 657; Buchanan 603; Fremont, 153.

At the election last fall, the Fillmore & Fremont men united and elected their ticket for county officers by from 150 to 200 majority, which shows that but few of the Fillmore men went over to the Democrats. At the present time, I think some of the Fillmore men are at a loss to know which to do, follow Douglas, or join and act with the Republicans. A large majority of them will doubtless go with the latter, but a good, timely speech might have a good
effect on the waverers. And as you are well-known by reputation here, I think, and so do those in whose behalf I write, that a speech from you at our county convention would do more to set things right, than anything else that could be done. And further, it is generally known by those who read, that it is the intention of the Republican party, generally, to make you their next candidate for the United States Senate, and many of the people here would like to see you. Douglas' name is in everybody's mouth, and it is time the people were beginning to talk about the opposition candidate. It would be a splendid achievement to elect a Republican Representative from this district, (Bond & Oblintoo) and with proper efforts, I believe it can be done. Please to let me hear from you soon. If you possibly can come, do so; and appoint your own time, if you wish, any day about the first of June, and let us know, and we will get up the meeting.

Very truly yours,

J. T. Alexander
May 1, 1858

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