Charleston Ill. May 1, 1858

Hon. A. Lincoln
Dear Sir,

Your favor of 23d ult. came only to hand. I would have written at once in reply, but that really there was no occasion for a reply, & moreover you were not at home & I didn't know when you would be.

I think we can carry our Senatorial & Representative districts. The Tilman men will generally vote with us, as many will vote for a Republican. I think as would for a Tilman man. That is all will go with us every now & except those who
have made up their minds to turn Democrat, but recent events have staggered even them. A good many of them I am confident we can and will elect a Senator and a Representative, who will vote for Lincoln for the U.S. Senate. For the rest, we have quite a warm feeling for Douglass, if a resolution by the legislature approving his course on Lecompton will do him any good. I am for sustaining him in that way.

Yours truly,

T.A. Marshall
U. S. Marshalese

Hon. A. Lincoln
Springfield, Illinois