

21st June 1838

A. Lincoln Esq:

Dr Sir:



P.S. The Fillmore men are falling in beautifully with us. My recollections are getting them here. I wish you were at the college there.

I wish to make a suggestion, There are in our country over 100,000 Catholic Irish votes, as yet they are not at. But we cannot get them. The strong hold of Catholicism is in the Slave States. Despotism suits the spirit of Catholicism better than Freedom. Taney is a Catholic, and the Southern "State Equality" doctrine, as elucidated by the "Dred Scott" dictum, they will be ready to endorse, They like also to be on the side of the Powers that be. Again the rank and file vote according to the cracks of the Priest's finger. There is a large Catholic vote in this State and it will go as a unit. Now the priest of Springfield officiates at Jacksonville & Winchester. Cannot a spring be touched somewhere that will commit the priests to Buchanan in this State & in consequence the rank & file? It should be done Early. I know it can be done.

Yours truly

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