

Wm. M. July 24. 1858. =



Wm. A. Lincoln

Dear Sir

I gave you a minute on yesterday
from Monticello of the result of the proceedings of the Con-
vention which I presume you have rec^d:- every delegate
except for Hall or some other old line Whig from Piatt:- no one
else was talked of except by the aspirants themselves:- Dr. Bus
+ Dr. Ames of Macon Milligan of Piatt + Norman of Macon
were aspirants to a certain extent but no one man was
there to second their claims:- the Delitt delegation
were unanimously for some Piatt Co. Whig + Weldon
name was not mentioned by them directly or incidentally
in connection with the office:- Weldon was there himself
as an alternate and took a most active + cheerful
part:- he had cheerfully given up his claims I have
no doubt long before the 23^d: I don't think he ex-
pected anything yesterday except that perhaps chance
would turn in the nomination in his + I think he is en-
tirely satisfied:- Milligan + Weldon behaved very well
although Milligan was not very prominently talked of:-
I am satisfied that every candidate - except Norman -
will support the ticket with a will + do all that he can
for it:- as to the McKinley defection our folks be-
lieve that he was making ostensibly for Weldon but re-

ally for himself: = he "caved in" though when he got there
& made a poor excuse for his previous action & worked
hard & enthusiastically the rest of the day with us: = he
had 2 of his brothers, then from Delitt & me or two of his
adherents from this Co. I ^{think} really expected to get Delitt
to go for him & to attempt to coerce the rest to go for him
but no one thought of him I am sure & he is all right now: =
but to details: = Oglesby Bull & my self were arranging a letter
in the morning about the affair when I incidentally
alluded to the locoed story that he was ineligible when
upon investigating we found that it was too true: = he was
not here 3 years & the Constitution requiring 3 years res. he
had previously resided here but had lived in Ohio after-
wards: = we were much disconcerted but Oglesby re-
solved the difficulty by naming Daniel Thickett: =
he was sent for & came at about 3 o'clock: =
it was really with extreme difficulty that he
was prevailed upon to run but finally he gave
to: = the Convention was full of delegates & an
immense concourse of spectators, & the
enthusiasm was unbounded: = he was hon-
ored by acclamation & almost cheered to death
Oglesby had a previous appointment to make his
first speech of the campaign on that day: = he
spoke for two hours forcibly and - to make a word-
tellingly: = never was speech so enthusiastically

rec^d :- more harmony & enthusiasm were pre-
vailed at a Convention :- Hull who is said to
be an oracle about politics in Piute says that we
will get 200 maj^s in Piute :- Ogden says Shacum
is sure for from 100 to 150, maj^s delegates from Deserte
name 200 for that Co. & our people here think
200 to 300 - the two latter of which are probably
overestimated but each County is sure for a maj^s;
the election of Sticks is more than sure :- the
Americans & Republicans are more than united
all over the district :- I think clearly that you
had better go to Piute & Deserte :- having so
much to do I did not think to talk about it
but there is much enthusiasm & good feeling
now especially in Piute that it needs your
presence to maintain & ~~keep~~ increase :- you
will have a greater procession than you had be-
fore :- if you have occasion to write then write
to Hull & Milligan - they are the right hand
men there and I want some notice taken of
Milligan by you :- do go, then by all means
& give them plenty of notice of it :- H.C. Meloma,
^{Bughravan} a lawyer at Monticello says there are 20 administra-
tion men in Piute that wait go for Douglas no how
he says that nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ the Deserte democracy are just so
that they are going to nominate a candidate - the

conversion is already called - that won't be long as
we stand off & run him through :- I don't ^{mean} ^{beaten} ^{down}
in the Administration too much :- I want you to
talk to him about it

Yours &c, A. C. Whitney

Dr Miller is all right :- He made him
go down with us & he is a sound as new
It is said that Stickel will run better
even than Hall - that for example
there are many generals in ~~the~~
De catur that he will get that Hall
would not

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