Gureka, July 26th, 1858.

Hon. Abraham Lincoln.

Dear Sir,

Although I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, yet I have taken the present liberty with you in consideration of the political issues that now agitate the minds of the citizenry not only of this state but of the whole United States. And knowing your personal integrity and honesty, I have concluded to address you.

During the last presidential campaign you made a visit to this place (Gureka) and we had the pleasure of listening to a short address from you, and you will doubtless remember, from the manifestations made on that evening that there was quite a number of Fillmore men at this place. Now as the American party have one candidate in the field, and as yourself and the Hon. S. H. Douglass are the two great chiefs of the two great political parties we would like to know your views concerning the principles upon which the American party is founded.

Report tells us that you were once a Know-Nothing and that you left the party because the questions that had arisen demanded more immediate attention, and then whenever the time should come when the principles of the American party should become the questions then you would again be found at your post. Many however are disposed to doubt this. Please set their
minds easy by an explanation by a return of mail.
If you have any of Mr. Douglass' speeches upon
the influence of foreign emigration, and can
send one to me, I shall be very thankful to you.
and hope to able to do you something that means.
I do not ask a a lengthy reply, but as I presume
your time is pretty much all occupied with your
business, but, nevertheless, I shall not object to it.
but I will be content with a brief, concise,
view of the matter. Or if you have made any
speeches upon the topics named and have them
in print, and will send them, they will answer
every purpose.

Hon. Abraham Lincoln

With much respect and esteem,

E. H. Dickinson

Savannah

Ga.
July 22, 1859

Hon. Abram Lincoln

Springfield, Illinois

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