

Newton Jasper Co. Ill,

Aug 15th 1858

Mrs H. Harndon Esq

Dear Sir



As Mr Lincoln is rarely at home these times, I take the liberty of dropping you a few lines—

We are desirous of having him to visit our Section of the state and speak for us, if he can do so consistent with what he may think his duty and interest. I will mention the names of the Counties where something can be effected if he has time to visit them, to wit, Jasper, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash,

Edwards, Wayne & White. The following list of counties are so utterly hopeless, so blinded with ignorance & prejudice that it is (as yet) useless to spend time among them - viz Cumberland, Eppingham, Jefferson, Hamilton Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Pope, Johnson & Massachusetts.

There are 3 members sent to the legislature from the first named counties (leaving out Lawrence) and there is a possibility that one of the 3 may be secured for Lincoln. though I must acknowledge the chances are very slim, still if he has the time to spare it is worth a trial - I am endeavoring to get Mr Ritchel of Olney to run for the legislature, & if he should run, we may possibly elect him -

Please present these
facts to Mr Lincoln at
as early a period as ~~you~~
be convenient, and
if he can pay this
part of the State a
visit, drop me a line
at what time he
will be there, and
I will have it
published.

Let me know an
excerpt of this whether
you think he will come
or no.

Very truly yours

W. D. Keay

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