

Peterborough Ills
Aug 18th 58

Hon. A. Lincoln

Respected Sir

I have just finished reading
your speech which was delivered
at Springfield on the 18th
of July 1858. If ever there
was a man cut to pieces
by another in ^{an} argument it was
Douglas used up by your
Honorable self.

Nothing
would be more gratifying to me
would be better welcomed than
yourself to come to the city
of Peterborough and make
as a good speech. I know
you can convert a great
many to Republicanism
You can gain a great
many votes down. By coming
around and giving Douglas
a good whipping for Gods
sake come and come
as soon as possible. Without much
delay. Let me hear from you
immediately. (Republicans of
Memphis) (By mail) (Adverts
Peterborough Ills. Box 18)

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Smith



Not to be answered

Hon. A. Lincoln
Springfield

Manly