

Jacksonville Illinois
Aug. 25. 1858.

Dear Sir

Three things have
thus far staggered the Doug-
las men and in this region
they are reeling under them
still. Your Conspiracy
charge, (keep it going, for
it is true as God's own word,)
Sumner's charge in regard
to popular sovereignty and
the Fugitive bill, and now
the fact, (if true,) that he
has passed a forgery
upon the Ottawa meeting
in regard to the Springfield
convention of 1854. These
things well worked up and
thoroughly brought before
the people will give us
good votes which otherwise
are sure for Douglas.
I beg that for the sake
of the cause you will

Put all the fire and
spirit and vehement en-
ergy into these charges you
make and brand them
upon Douglas till like
the shirt of Nessus they
burn him, as a politician, dead.
Now in regard to that resolu-
tion, if he was guilty of the
infamous falsehood charged,
it is your duty to expose
him thoroughly. He has shown
you no mercy and treated
you with no honor or decency.
All delicacy and tenderness towards
him who has called you a
liar and has harshly slandered
all your party, is unjust
to your friends and to
yourself. Hold him to a
severe reckoning. If he has
lied about the Springfield
Convention, get the affida-
vits of a dozen or twenty
of the best men who
attended that Convention

and prove the true facts.
We are getting up to day the
Affidavits of all who attended
the Convention from this County.
Mercy to Douglas is treachery
to the cause of Right and
Humanity. Can't you and
our Central Committee get
some competent man to
prepare a document on
Douglas which shall unmask
and expose to the people all
his political villainies for
the last four or more years?
Such a thing moderate
in language, but awful in
its facts, commencing with
his intense love for the Mis-
souri Compromise and char-
ing him up as the murderer
of the same, noting his old
malice and hate of Harry Clay
and exposing his late attempts
to whittle his followers now
he is dead, and even to dig up
his bones as it were to manure

his avowed political Cornfield,
with all his other treacheries
dodges and falsities, if made
into a telling document and
scattered broadcast will tell
fearfully against him. Can
you tell us yet when you
will come here? People ask
every day. Can't you let us
know the time very soon. We
intend if possible to have Senjay
with us on the same occasion
or some other and take him
to Beardstown and Winchester.
Please let us know about
this as soon as you conveniently
can. If you see Senjay
use your influence with him
to bring him along. You are
gaining here much, especially
within the last 10 or 15 days all
over our County. Doug is losing
ground here. At least 100 open
Democrats are certain to vote a-
gainst him in Morgan, and the
number of the openly rebellious is
still increasing. I write this after
consulting with Mr. Gates, and by
request of you. May remember meeting
you at the last Court at Beardstown
Court. Yours truly - B. Lewis

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Not from
W. B. Lewis -

Hon. Abraham Lincoln
Springfield
Illinois

