

Middleport N.Y. Aug. 26th 1858
Hon Abraham Lincoln



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I take

the liberty to address you, in behalf
of the Republicans of this ~~State~~ County,
with a request that you do us the
favor to come to our County (Troy) some
time during the Campaign
and give us a speech. Douglas
is to be at Kanakake on the 28th
of next month and I learn from
a gentleman of that place that
you have been written to know
if you could follow him a day or
two after. It was thought here
that in case you could accept
the Kanakake invitation you might
be able to spend a day with us
in Troy.

We want to have something
of a demonstration here during the
fall. Give us our Candidate for
Congress has promised to be with
us at such time as we may indi-
cate, and if we could also have

ire that you would be in attendance there is no doubt but that we could get together a fine meeting
Middleport, is the County Seat and is situated some fifteen miles from the Wls. Cen. R Road

It is near the Center of the County
If however you cannot find it possible to come to Middleport the next best point in the County is Ocassee on the Wls. Central Road. You could get a large audience at that point. Ocassee is 31 miles South of Kanabos

It is somewhat uncertain how Majors will go this fall; but we think with proper effort the County can be carried by a handsome majority for the Republican ticket

Permit me, honored Sir, as an humble member of the Republican party upon the strong hold you have upon the affections of the Republican people here, as elsewhere, your name is getting up an enthusiasm

which under mine & discredit. The
misrepresentations, to use almost too
mild a term - of which your posi-
tion has been the subject as the
hands of Douglas is having the
effect to drive all shaky Republi-
cans in bitterness away from him
thus doing the Cause good here. I
know many Republicans. I know
them personally - who once had a
great deal of sympathy for him so
far as his resistance to the Recon-
struction Smasher is concerned; but who
now see him to be the arrogant
demagogue he is. You may not
deem it the best way to compliment
yourself by ~~the~~ speaking thus
harshly of your opponents; but I
choose to speak my mind of him

Hoping that you will honor
me with an early reply

I am respectfully yours
Frank. Rhodes

[Aug. 26, 1858]

Not now
Frank Blair



Hon. Abraham Lincoln
Springfield
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