

Springfield Ill  
7<sup>th</sup> September 1858

Dear Lincoln



This is the day for  
the Nationals here, and they are  
now holding forth in Hall of  
House Representatives. Burdett of  
Massachusetts Presiding. Carlton of  
Quincy speaking. But not sort  
of a crowd. Very small indeed  
when our men are taken away.  
From them I do not anticipate  
much from their help.

I saw your man according to  
your desire, and he says they  
did not agree upon any thing  
further than to canvass the  
doubtful counties see how much  
was lacking, and then import  
from those counties where there  
was no hope; a sufficiency to carry

them, and that at no time  
since they were a party have  
their men been called upon  
to contribute with their money  
so freely as now, they are draw-  
ing upon them for money in  
all sorts of ways, I send you  
a clip from the Tribune to some  
purpose, Now how is this thing to  
be headed, God only knows unless  
we could stir up our men  
to fight and that bravely of any  
thing turns up we will try and  
put you  
Very truly  
Yours  
Jeff. K. Paulois

P.S. I forgot to say that your  
men said they had about  
despaired of the Lower house  
and were concentrating their energies  
on the Senate do as if possible  
stave off the election for two  
years and trust to Luck Gallinger  
ought to know this

J. H. D. D. D.

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