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Frederic Lincoln

If there is any reliance to be placed in the papers which I read, you are certainly making a very successful anti-slavery tour through the States, and whether you are elected to the Senate or not, you certainly have reason to congratulate yourself and feel proud of the manifestation of confidence every where shown you by the people. I am aware that this arises partly from the fact of your being placed as our Standard bearer in this great contest, there are other reasons ^{also} of a personal nature which have something to do with it.

I have said and believed and still do ever since Douglas repealed the W. O. Com, that you would be his successor the first time the people had to vote in matter that was a most rascally thing and I believed would and knew it ought to politically damn him and all who had any thing to do with it at least in the north, and I think the signal will prove that I was right at least for once.

yet I don't know but we have a right to
thank Douglas for it was ^{that} which was the
great moving cause which brought on the
great Republican party, in to being

But my object is not to write a dissertation
on politics knowing well that I could say
nothing ~~what~~ which you already know, but
merely to inform you by way of adding to the
encouragement which I believe you are every
where receiving, the good news, that you may
calculate with a very great degree of
certainty ^{on} a vote for Fremont & Cass,
this will be a gain - and I don't think now
there is any doubt about it. The bogus
Democrats have got into a terrible squabble
about their candidate for Representative
they held a convention here some two
weeks ago and nominated "Bill Engle"
Niles was the opposing candidate and
contended that he had not been fairly
dealt with and soon he would run
any day. Engle was down the other
day and he and Niles were trying to
effect a compromise. Engle found say

That Miles made a proposition, which was that
Engle was to back off the track and let him
have the field. I don't know how that was
at any rate Miles says Engle took time
until today to consider the matter and why
to come down and let him know instead of
coming he sent word that he guessed the
people would have to settle for him at the
polls. Miles says that just suits him and
that he doesn't expect to be elected but that he
he knows he can beat Engle and is determined
to do so. There is no mistake but he will remain
on the track, I don't think he cares so much
about the office but there some of his own party
might. Reggan, Rowse, and some others who
are trying he says to put him down, and
he is to use his own language "hell but they
shant do it" we wish them killing cat success.

Mr. Judy is our candidate by general course
he will unite the opposition and get the full vote.
He is an old line whig and was a still more
man in So. but he is a Swedenborgian which
is all we care for.

We are glad that you have made some

appointment to speak here, and will endeavor
to get you a large crowd.

Truly your friend

Robert A. Murray

P.S. Did you know that your old friend Short
had returned from Cal.? he has just step in
to the shop whilst I am writing and
tells me to say to you that he is still with
you in political sentiment as well as
warm personal feeling, and shall be
happy to take you by the hand on 29th.

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