

~~(Strictly Confidential.)~~

Chicago Oct. 14. 1858.

Hon. A. Lincoln,
Dear Sir



Of course you have seen or heard about the extensive colonization schemes that are now actually being carried out in various parts of the State. I think that the majority of the illegal voting of that kind will be carried on in the out of the way precincts where our people are not up to matters of that kind & do not know well how to resist them: - they ought to be posted up by Circulars expressly prepared for the purpose by the State Executive Com. teaching them their whole duty & how to do it in full & unmis- takeable language - which Circulars should be sent to the leading men of every precinct no matter how small it is: - also the leading men of each county should visit every precinct & post up the people on this thing: - if such course is not taken the frauds

will be immense :- Idd is at present out of the City
I have been to see him & shall do again on this
subject :- In the meanwhile upon the necessity
upon every one you see of putting up the Republicans
in the Rural Districts as to what they might do &
how to do it :- I have no doubt that they ~~are~~ even
in the least populous districts would act vigorously &
resolutely if they know just what to do

Your Friend

Al Whitney :-

Oct. 14, 1858

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