

Frankfort. Octr: 27th 1858.



My Dear Sir,

I have just been apprised that a paragraph in the St. Louis Republican (I think, that is the paper) contains some allusion to our private correspondence, and assumes to call on your for it's publication.

This has given me much pain & surprise. I do not believe that you would ever have entertained a suspicion that I was capable of betraying that correspondence, & of causing or prompting, in any way, the paragraph above mentioned.

But yet I desire to assure you that I have had no art or part, agency or privity in respect to it, or its publication - It is wholly unauthorized by me. I should have considered myself dishonored, if I could ever have consented to, or permitted any use to be made of our correspondence, that would have been injurious or embarrassing to you -

I hope that this will

be satisfactory to you - and, further=
more, I hope that you will not per=
mit this publication to annoy you,
half as much as it annoys me.

I am,

Very Truly &

Respectfully

Yrs &c

J. B. Tilden

Hon: A. Lincoln

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J. J. Withersden
Frankfort, Oct 27, 1858