

copy of Lincoln to Judd

Springfield Nov 15 1858

Hon W B Judd

My dear Sir



I have the pleasure to inform you that I am convalescent and hoping these lines may find you in the same improving state of health. Doubtless you have suspected for some time that I entertain a personal wish for a term in the U S Senate; and had the suspicion taken the shape of a direct charge I think I could not ^{have} truthfully denied it. But let the past as nothing be. For the future my view is that the fight must go on. The returns here are not yet completed, but it is believed that Douglass's vote will be slightly greater than Millers majority over Facy. We have some hundred and twenty thousand clear Republican votes. That pile is worth keeping together. It will elect a state trustee 2 years hence.

1/10/1888

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I have the pleasure to inform you

that I am enclosing herewith a copy of the

report of the [unclear] for the year

1887. I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours, Sir, very respectfully,

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In that day I shall fight in the
ranks, but I shall be in no other way
for any of the places. I am especially for
Trumbull's reelection; and by the way
this brings me to the principal object
of this letter. Can you not take your
draft of an apportionment law, and
carefully revise it till it shall be strictly
& obviously just in all particulars, & then
by an early & persistent effort get enough of
the enemies' men to enable you to pass
it? I believe if you & Peck make a job of it
begin early & work earnestly & quietly, you
can succeed in it. Unless something
be done Trumbull is eventually
beaten two years hence. Take this
into serious consideration

Yours as ever
A Lincoln