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Dr. C. H. Ray.

Springfield, Nov. 20. 1858

My dear Sir

I wish to preserve a set of
the late debates (if they may be called so) be-
tween Douglas and myself. To enable me
to do so, please get two copies of each
number of your paper containing the whole, and
send them to me by Express; and I will
pay you for the papers & for your troubles.
I wish the two sets, in order to lay one
away in the room, and to put the other in
a Scrap-book. Remember, if part of any cir-
cular is on both sides of one sheet, it will
take two sets to make one Scrap-book.
I believe, according to a letter of yours to Bates
your are "feeling like he is yet". I trust that—
You will soon feel better. Another "blow-
up" is coming, and we shall have fun again.
Douglas managed to be supported both as the
best instrument to put down and to uphold the
slavery power; but no vigilant can long keep

these antagonisms in harmony—

Yours as ever

A. Lincoln