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New York Nov 9th 1858
Hon Abram Lincoln
Springfield Ill Dear Sir

I have watched
the progress of your late political canvass
in the Prairie State, with great interest
shaped (though against hope) that the party
whose leader for the time you have
been, might triumph, It was too much
to expect, though not too much to hope for.
Had you been successful in the contest
I should not have written you, but as
the reports indicate the contrary, I write to
thank you, as a man & as a republican
of the type of Franklin Sherman & Jefferson,
for your advocacy of the rights of Man
as understood by those sages.

Your opening remarks at Springfield
interested me much being in harmony
with my own views of the subject.
the correctness of which time will de-
termine,

As it is an attribute of Providence to help the weak and defenceless, let this encourage you & every one in future endeavor to extend the Blessings of Liberty, until equal rights & franchises may be enjoyed by all, in our beloved Country

Respectfully Yours

W D Sharp

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