

Paris Edgar County Illinois
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Sir - Since the battle is over and
the smoke of the same is now blown off,
I thought - I would say one word
of consolation & comfort to you. Be
of Good Cheer. - we must & shall prevail
for this County we did our whole duty - it is
now useless to enquire how come about our
defeat in Sangamon, Morgan, & Madison -
it is over and done, & there is now time
now to enquire - But let us as one man,
be up and at them in 1860. Douglas
must fall either in the N. or S. he cannot
sustain himself with both. - No man can
possibly feel worse over our defeat than I do.
I will however make two honorable exceptions
in my town & that is Mr. Merrill & Geo. Hartley
I think it hurts them worse than me - we
are beaten but not conquered - We of Edgar
feel more determined than ever. we are not
discouraged or disheartened - I do think that
the reput^s of Edgar are of the best grit that
men were ever made of - You can now sit
us down as one of the Certain. ones we can
& will always stick our man. I saw Mr.
Mosely our Rep^t. yesterday - he feels as bad.

as we do — Set me on behalf of the Repub^l
of Eazor, Conn. Return your their thanks for
the faithful and honest discharge of your
whole duty in this Campaign. and be assured
that we stand ready to aid you in 1868

We are for You first, & last —

We desire to be now reorganized as one
of the Eastern Counties — I hope to see
you this winter as I shall be at
Springfield at the Legislature we
can then talk it all over —

No man never had such friends
in Eazor as you have —! Can we
do you any good Command us
& we will obey — ~~by~~ await your
Command

Yours Truly
Wm. H. Rives

Nov. 15, 1858



Abraham Lincoln
Springfield
Illinois

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