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Dear Lincoln,



Your two favors are
at hand - I shall exercise the
\$2500. authority given in it unless
absolutely compelled to do it & I think
a letter from you to some of our
friends who are wealthy would
bring a contribution and that was
my principal object in writing to
you - I am glad you are in such
good spirits - so far from losing
any thing (but time and money)
you have made a reputation that
it would require years of ser-
vice in the U. S. Senate, accord-
ing to the usual routine to ~~ac-~~
quire - I am for continuing
the fight, as I still believe
that Douglas at the best

Sevier will do something to
destroy his present position - I
have unshaking confidence in his
ability and willingness to eat dirt
at the command of his masters
now that he thinks his return to the
Senate certain - I freely confess that
the future does not look hopeful to
me - Our unexposed condition
to "unfriendly" and partizan legisla-
ture may color my views - I
do not like to be dependent upon
^{the expectation}
another man's mistaken action
as the basis of my future success

I have no doubt of the intention
of Jeff. Davis, Shidele, Bright and
Fitch of driving him to the wall
by committees before our legisla-
tive meets - Whether they will
succeed in the month that they
have is a little uncertain

I am nearly at the West Sevier
to ~~commence~~ carry out the ev-

organization that has been commenced
and work till we do succeed, I have
some sand in my gizzard yet

Beun, Williams and Davis ought
each to give \$100. to the State Com.
sponsored and they will do it if you
tell them they ought.

Yours friend

W B Fidd



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