Washington, Dec. 7-1858.



My Dear Sir,

I have just rec'd the enclosed letter from John C. Underwood of New York City. Mr. U. is the Gentleman who was driven out of Virginia two years ago, because he attended the Fremont convention. I was not aware that you had any idea of being a candidate for Congress in the 6th Dist. & in all candour, must say I should be sorry to have you a candidate unless there was a fair chance for success. It would certainly be a great triumph & have a most happy effect in the future if you could be returned from the district

night on the eve of a four thousand majority against us. My object in writing is to appeal upon the suggestions of Mr. Underwood, & particularly the one at the close of the letter which might be important if a serious fight is to be made in the District. I trust our people will run down one & give him the best vote possible, & I am not sure that at a special election, we might not succeed if the proper efforts were made. I have no doubt the same vote given McKinney would elect at the special election. The proceedings in the Va. Convention are a severe rebuke upon Douglas. The feeling of the administration against Douglas is as bitter as ever, but what it do, I think they do not themselves know. The message

draws the line against Douglas pretty decisively —

Yours Truly

Lyman Trumbull

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New York, December 6th 1858

Hon Lyman Trumbull

Dear Sir

I deem the election of Mr Lincoln in the Springfield District on the 4th Inst so important, that I want to do something to aid it - Would not the immediate circulation of Col Bentons last great work Review of the Dred Scott decision of the Supr Court be a good thing If so I think the Republicans of this City would Enter into it with Spirit

You will excuse me for troubling you, but I have seen such great results from a little work in Western Va, the last two years that I wish to do more - As one of the outgrowths of our Homestead Company's operations, we have seen a daily & tri-weekly paper (The Wheeling Intelligencer) & the following weeklies, the Crescent, The Weekly Intelligencer, the Wellsburg Herald & Brooke Co Farmer, advocating Republican principles in Western Va - If there is any thing for me to do in securing the Springfield District I would like to know it & to work in securing books or funds with the greatest pleasure

Yours truly

John C. Underwood

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