

Jacksonville Dec 18: 1858



Dear Lincoln

I have already sent Mr Conkling a paper signed by me which he sent Mr Capel for my signature. Please say to Conkling that I believe he will receive a most cordial support here — and I believe stands just as good a chance for election as the dem. candidate, if they should believe that we were making no fight.

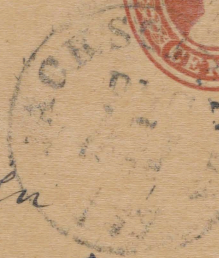
Lincoln, tell Dr W. Jayne to show you my recipe for beating them. It is better than Conkling's. There must be no writing or printing in the whole of thing.

In haste

Your friend

Richd Yates

Dec. 15, 1858



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Hon. A. Lincoln
Springfield
Ill.