

Private

Petersburg Va
Dec 15 - 1858

Hon A. Lincoln



Dear Sir

There is a
movement on foot at the head of which
seems to be J. L. Campbell of
"Spring" a man for Congress in
every part of this district on the
very eve of election a candidate
for Congress - To which movement
I would like to suggest that if
they start the name of Wm H.
Herndon I should like to do some-
thing very handsome - There
are many Whigs here anxious
to vote for "Bill" - & there is no
other name half so potent here

and I think that will work
equally well all over the district
we are all for Pitt - I make
these suggestions through to the
party who are controlling this
affair - I cannot suppose
that you of course are one of them
or at least cognizant of the matter

I wish to ask a favor of you -
Maj Harris was the Antislavery Public
man - I would now like
the appointment - will you
mention my name in that
connection (if your engagements
time will permit) to the Society

I would add something in
regard to your defect but
I suppose you feel bad enough
about it already

Truly yours

Arthur A. Brooks

Albert J. Brooks,
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