

Quincy Illinois
Dec 29th 1858

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Dear Sir



Your favor of the 24th inst, is at hand and in reply I have to state, that my health was so impaired that I only made one speech during the last course, and that was not published. Several notices of it, and some extracts from it, were published in the Quincy Whig & Republican, but nothing like a connected or perfect copy. Urgent solicitations for a copy for publication, were pressed upon me at the time and I promised to prepare one, but did not find time to do so, before the election and then concluded it would be unnecessary to trouble myself about it.

There are some reasons however, which render it desirable, that, record of that course should be kept, and if you conclude to publish your "Course Book" from my notes (which I have retained) I can and will prepare you a copy of my speech. I hope to see you in Springfield in a few days.

Very respectfully,
W. H. Coles

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M. Coakley

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Hon. A. Lincoln
Springfield
Illinois

