

Springfield, Jan^y-29. 1859

Wm. E. B. Washburn.

My dear Sir

I have just received your
brother's speech sent me by yourself. I had
read it before; and you will oblige me by pre-
senting him with my respects, and telling him
I doubly thank him for making it—first, be-
cause the points are so just and well put;
and next, because it is so well timed—

We needed, from some one who can get the pub-
lic attention, just such a speech just at this time—

* His objection to the Oregon Constitution because it ex-
cludes free negroes, is the only thing I wish he had
omitted—

Your friend as ever
A. Lincoln

* This shows how just was
his censuration—

I don't know how this
came into my possession
J. F. Miller.

attached
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