

Vermont May 29th
1859

Hon Abram Lincoln

Worthy Sir

I have frequently felt as though I must set down and write you a line, but then it would recur to me that hundreds perhaps would flood their feelings in onto you; Some lamenting, Some rejoicing & others hoping for the future.

We had a gloomy day when you were here but I think you felt that you had an attentive audience; you made a mark; you done it just right, it was what we wanted. In 1856 our vote was 114, now it was 225, and leaves us united.

Your undertaking was a labor

ous one and you necessarily had
to work hard, but you have made
a living strong party. I consider
that your Campaign permanently
established the Republican
party. I see that Gov Seward
espoused your Ideas in various ways
So has Greeley adopted your thoughts
and others your words. But they
slayed us in voting, and we must
abide the result. I was astonished
at Sangamon, Madison Jersey
& Tagewell. Probably you win not.
The Judge must feel quite ballint
on his return from Cuba after
Pine & Comsades are confirmed in
their Stations. I had hoped
that we would carry the Legisla-
ture and then I would get my
old post in the House. They I
see have made the duties much

easier by making a additional
help: paying off old scores. I
have thought of proposing to Gov
Bissell to take the job of dis-
tributing the laws next Summer
if he has not already given it
out. If you have not already in-
terested yourself for some one in
this district will you be willing
to speak to his Excellency about
it. The labors & expenses of elections
you are aware always falls on
a few; I have had a large share
to ~~bear~~ and if there is any profit
it the job of which I speak I
would be pleased to secure it.
I am not accustomed to looking
out for such things and therefore
may be too late. Remember me
to Mrs Lincoln and
I remain Truly H. S. Thomas

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