

LINCOLN AND CLAY.

"Washington, April 30, 1848.--Dear Williams:

I have not seen in the papers any evidence of a movement to send a delegate from your county to the June convention. I wish to say that I think it all important that a delegate should be sent. Mr. Clay's chance for an election is just no chance at all. He might get New York; and that would have elected in in 1844, but it will not now; because he must now at least have Tennessee, which he had then, and in addition the fifteen new votes of Florida, Texas, Iowa, and Wisconsin. I know our good friend Browning is a great admirer of Mr. Clay, and I therefore fear he is favoring his nomination. If he is, ask him to discard feeling and try if he can possibly, as a matter of judgment, count the votes necessary to elect him.

In my judgment we can elect no one but Gen. Taylor, and we can not elect him without a nomination. Therefore, don't fail to send a delegate. Your friend as ever.

A. LINCOLN."

"The above, you see, is inclosed in an envelope, and is addressed 'A Williams, Quincy, Ill.,' and 'Free. A. Lincoln, M.C.'"