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West Chester, June 12, 1860.

My dear Sir:

Everything appears to be working admirably in Penn. for the success of our candidate. The nomination takes well with all classes. Still it must be confessed the people do not know as much of Mr. Lincoln as they ought and desire to know. I addressed a ratification meeting in Delaware County ten days ago and spent my whole hour upon the life and character of our nominee and I never saw an audience more interested. I have been strongly urged to report and print my speech for general circulation in this state and nothing but the want of leisure has prevented me from doing it, having been engaged continually in court ever since my return home. But I will do it yet. It occurs to me however that Judge Davis and Mr. Swett, who have enjoyed the advantage of a long acquaintance and companionship with Mr. Lincoln can do more for him on the stump with our people than is within the power of any Pennsylvanian. I have written to Mr. Mc Clure chairman of our state control committee suggesting the propriety of giving them an invitation on behalf of the committee. I trust that such an invitation will be given, but if it shall not be received very soon I hope those gentlemen will not wait for it. They will be most heartily welcomed by the people who are all-athirst to hear what may be said of a man who from the humblest fortune has raised himself by his own merit and talent to be the leader of a great party in a struggle second only in grandure and historic interest to that of the revolution. We feel pretty sure of Penn. as matters stand, but not so sure as leave undone any thing that can be done to make success certain, and I think it is most important that the personal character, career and opinions of our nominee should be well understood. As to those points which whatever may be said to the contrary are very effective in a presidential campaign, Mr. Lincoln has eminently the advantage over any man our opponents can bring into the field, and of that advantage I think we ought to make the most. Will not Judge Davis and Mr. Swett come?

If they agree to come let them prepare themselves to speak fully of Mr. Lincoln's personal history and to give most emphatic evidence of the soundness of his opinions on the subject of protection. Nothing will please our people better than to know that he is fully committed to such a system of duties on imports as will sustain our domestic manufactures.

I write in the midst of a cause which requires my utmost attention and must therefore beg of you to excuse haste.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph J. Lewis.

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