Lincoln & Hamlin

Parallel cases - both self made - both lawyers & politicians - both opposed Democracy - Hamlin's refusal to support repeal of Missouri Compromise - seeking re-election by the Republicans of Maine in 1856 by 20,000 majority - Made a magnificent canvass - Lincoln's election by 25,000 majority - Hamlin elected U.S. Senator by 1 majority - Lincoln & Hamlin not elected until 1860 - Speaking tours of Lincoln in 1858 - 1859 - Speaking fully 100 times - Eye & Ear witness - Heard Lincoln's most wonderful stump speeches - he ever heard. "Many believe what he says" Lyle told afterwards. —

After meeting in Chicago H. who was in a man took measure of L. believed in him - L. confided fully in H. & asked him about putting Seward in cabinet - H. believed in first step & L. delayed H. to tell L. he would be named - H. was also asked by L. to look into Weller's record to find if he was proper man for cabinet -

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as choice lay between Burke, Adams & Wilkes. H. decided in last as another Democrat was wanted & the other two had been Whigs. H. left Quincy after this interview the friend of his life.

E. H. says that H. H. formed & made scheme of organizing states & southern campaign towards Mobile (?) (see Dana) but that it was Halleck who opposed the plan.

Parallel.

H. was a surveyor, learned it to help himself thro' Law College - used it as a lawyer in case Tells stories of how he plowing corn at head of row would rest a case & time so as to let himself get down the row.

Speech in Senate denouncing repeal of Mo. Compromise compared with L's speech in 1854 at Bloomington.

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Opposition to L in 1864.

Hamlin came to have much on this point: particularly in Summer's opposition -

Meeting in N.Y. of Henry M. Field, Thos. Dillon, Geo. Clyde etc to discuss whether L. should be re-elected. Look into this &

See Dana's editorial in Sun on death of H. Hamlin stating that H. was opposed to L. C. E. H. denies this

Army Negroes.

When urged by A. H. L by Parke Godwin (E. E. H. tells me this L-H- must be regarded as confidential i.e. Godwin name) to arm negroes L. took down his map & pointing with pencil "There's Va. Kentucky Tenn. Lines an army in these states. Here are plenty of pro-slavery Unionists who sustain them but arm the blacks & have any who have friends & we must. Hail till the line of an army is South of the border States." It was always so. Victories won what were needed nothing else ruled silence France & Eng. Still the tribune. Many man opinion etc.

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