Washington,
June 22, 1860.

To Leon Richmond
Chairman of New York Delegation
Baltimore.

10 o'clock. The standing with which New York has sustained me will justify a word of counsel. The safety of the cause is the paramount duty of every Democrat. The unity of the party and the maintenance of its principles, inviolate, are more important than the elevation or defeat of any individual. If my enemies are determined to divide and destroy the Democratic party and perhaps the Country rather than see me elected, and if the unity of the party can be preserved and its time-honored principles maintained and its ascendancy perpetuated by dropping my name and uniting upon some other reliable, Non-Intervention, and Union loving Democrat, I beseech you in consultation with our friends, to pursue that course which will save the party and the