(Confidential)

Atlanta, Nov. 10, 1862

My dear friend,

I received your letter containing orders on me for a few days ago. I was not certain whether you desired me to remain in St. Joseph or hold it subject to your order here. However, I have thought it best to enclose you the audit which you will find hereafter.

Let me congratulate you and all the friends of Emancipation upon your brilliant success in the North West. To yourself, I can say that, for your personal exertion, you have won a most enviable reputation throughout the State, and I trust you may go forward until you shall make a name by labor in the good cause that will live in history.

Among other things permit me to say to you in confidence that my
France will probably be used in connection with the canvass for the United States Senators from the South side of the river and I should be more than pleased to have your support and influence with the delegation from the North West. I do not believe that I am cut out of honor, and yet I know that such an election would be as signal a proclamation of Emancipation in Missouri as any step that could be taken. I hope you will write to me freely in this behalf for it is upon such friends that a man must rely in matters that concern him personally. I have already received assurances of support from the Members of the Board of Boyds District, and there seems to be no longer doubt of the election of the County circuit 17 members here. I think your actual influence in my behalf would probably place

the matter at once in a condition of certainty. I am writing to you from the desolate scene of the removal of McClellan and Cabinet changes in the Offing) that my prediction to you where last we met are being very rapidly fulfilled.

It seems conceded here that the Emancipationists will have a Majority on joint ballot in the Council Assembly and it looks as though they had carried both Senate & House separately.

Yours Very Truly,

[Signature]

John L. Birtwistle
Saint Joseph, Mo.
Private

London, Nov. 17th 1862

My dear Colleague,

Your kind letter of 17th is received, and I thank you both for the encouragement you hold out and for the precaution with which you have the only eventuality that could prevent your giving me a hearty support. You know that I honor most plain dealing, and I can say to you in return that had I not inferred that Mr. Blair would not present his name in connection with the leadership, knowing the obligations you were under I should have hesitated in writing to you. I enclose you an extract from the Union of today which sets that matter at rest and declares that he will not be a candidate as you see the coast is clear for you and other mutual friends.
I am satisfied that with your prompt and zealous aid in the North West I shall have no difficulty in obtaining either a nomination or an election. What I would ask of you now is this. Could you not make it possible to take a short excursion into the Broad River District to the North West to see the Members Elect in advance of their arrival at Jefferson City for as no one knows me better than yourself, so no one that I know is better calculated to correct any false impressions that may have been instilled by my enemies. Your table of coming to Jefierson the last of this week. Unless you have some special reason, I should advise you to defer your visit until you can canvass the men of the adjacent counties. My reason for saying this is simply that some who are personal enemies of my own (Mr. Fog & others) may else attempt to embarrass your movements. If I can secure the position of Senator it will enable me to do much for our Emancipated friends throughout the State. You know that I will do it. I must rely almost entirely on you for your exertion in your section of the State as I know but few of the Members Returns and have only this to say, that a long political experience has taught me that the promptest movement of the speediest conference with Members Elect is generally most successful in exerting an influence. If I have only
to add how much I feel and appreciate your expression of favor & declarations of support. Let me hear from you at your earliest leisure.

I remain with sincere friendship & high regard.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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Baltimore City, June 7, 1864

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 29th came to hand this morning, and I send you by mail some copies as requested both of the 8th of March Speech of one on the Fugitive Slave Law. The latter has never been printed in pamphlet form. Baltimore will nominate Lincoln to-day, what November will do remains to be seen. So far as our State ticket is concerned I am glad to know you intend to give it cordial support. There is no
reason why it should not be elected by an overwhelming majority, nor is there any reason why all shades of the freedom party should not unite in its support.

In Missouri it is very plain we shall have to introduce hereafter "industrial politics" and subordinate the aerie of parties to the growth and development of the State. At least for my own part that is what I purpose henceforth, and hope during the summer to have suitable occasion to give the public thought of our people a surge in that direction.

I got your letter about the movement in regard to your removal; but have heard nothing of it since I presume it had only hatred as a basis. If it should be again noted advise me and perhaps I can do a good deal to put a stop to it. Remember me to friends in the North West and believe me,

Very Truly Your friend,

Wylie Brown

Sam MO L. Pettijohn
St Joseph Mo.