

(Private)

Ashland 17th June, 1844.

My Dear Sir:

I rec'd your friendly letter. Subsequent to its date, you will probably have seen a letter from me to the Honble John White contradicting the story of my being willing to make slaves of white men. If it has not reached you, I have no doubt it will, as it has been extensively published at the Eastward. It was a poor tale, and demonstrates the desperate means to which our opponents resort. It ought to be gratifying to my friends that my enemies are put to such shifts in their assaults upon me.

I was rejoiced to hear of your flattering prospects in Illinois. You will have heard that they have given you Polk to combat, who is opposed to every interest and stands counter to every prejudice of Illinois. You certainly will not allow the State to go for him.

Your friend & Obt. Serv.

H. Clay.

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