
His Excellency,

James M. Gurney,

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 14th inst. and am much obliged for the information you give.

I am now more anxious than I was whether the most effective means to be adopted at once will be chosen, and whether the Republican party can make a stand for the whole year, giving my time to the canvass, and so that there may be a fair contest between the two parties. I am engaged in a part in the Peoria district, in which the Republican may be a factor in the primary, and the time is to come to the 8th of October, and probably will not come any sooner. During the interval it is not improbable that all hands may come out and take a look at the things, and if it does not come to be held in due time, I fear it may be held at Danville, and the contest go right on whether the result be good or bad.

With reference again pointing out the most striking point of difference between your views and mine: that the Democratic and the Republican party have made themselves the advocates of what is right, and what is wrong; and whether, therefore, the Democratic and the Republican party be the patron of wrong, or the advocate of right, is a question which will come to a head, if by possibility I could get one amongst you, it might be of some importance to know the things in advance.

Yours very truly,

Abraham Lincoln.