

Springfield, Aug. 5. 1858

Friend Sumner

Yours, not dated, just received - No accident preventing, I shall be at Braintree on the 12th. I thank you for the contents of your letter generally - I have not time now to notice the various points you suggest, but I will say I do not understand the Republican party to be committed to the proposition "No more slave States". I think they are not so committed - Most certainly they prefer there should be no more; but I know there are many of them who think we are under obligation to admit slave states from Texas, if such shall be presented for admission; but I think the party as such is not committed either way.

Your friend as ever
A. Lincoln

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