Confidential.

Springfield, Ill.
Oct. 28th, 1876.

Hon. Lewis W. Steward.

Dear Sir:

The movement continues a failure to withdraw your associates from the Democratic State ticket to make place for your many independent candidates. Controversy will ruin everything.

It will disorganize the Democratic party and balk it of expectation at the moment of engaging the Common foe.

It will complicated you in the same which will be prized of bargain and sale.

It will chip the Democratic national ticket at its State staff at the moment of action.
It will scandalize us outside of the State.

Let me persuade you to set your face against it.

It is too late to change front, even, if earlier it would have been expedient to do so.

Yours very respectfully,

John A. Hemans.