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Jack

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We have met the enemy and they are ours. Victory and Honest old Abe are synonymous. Pennsylvania and New York are more than "all right". God they are doubly "all right" Hurrah for Lincoln - President Lincoln! Seymour Voullaire and Jo Vastue are also elected Circuit Attorney and Assistant Circuit Attorney. Hurrah! Bill Jones may go to that uncomfortable place called Hell. Seymour is indebted to nobody but Jim Peckham & John Covert for the work of the campaign. The Wide Awakes under C P E Johnson (Chauncey Johnson) proved a damn humbug. I got your letter dated 4th Inst, just now. I must know from you that Branch has written Blair before I talk with Frank. You had better be certain as to that fact and then inform me. Even if Branch has written get him to write again and narrate all the circumstances you write about in your letter. Make him do it. That will have powerful effect with Frank. Tell Branch that I say it should be done. Those other fellows are blowing about what they do and Frank ought to be posted as to the real facts. Ascertain when Branch wrote and what kind of a letter he wrote - write me and then I will go and see Blair and report to you at once.

Ever Your Friend

James Peckham

Dear Mother
I have not the time to
write you now. I am
very busy. I will write
you again when I have
time. I love you very
much. Write me when
you have a chance. I
will be glad to hear
from you. I am
well. I hope you are
the same. I will
write you again soon.
I love you.
Your affectionate
son,
John Ballou