

Saturday Nov 24. 1860
Saturday night.

Friend John,

I must leave you and Branch to manage the ~~the~~ matter. To-morrow I go with the St Louis Militia to Kansas. I belong to the Independent Guard. Blair is all right if Branch can be disposed of. I believe however that he would rather have me there with you than Branch there with you. Blair has faith in me I know. No use anybody else talking. You will get it if Branch puts in for Indian Agency and if he does that, he can get it. I might as well go to Kansas as not. I am doing nothing and can borrow nothing. Money here is lighter than frozen water. I was over in Springfield this week & went up to Chicago with "Old Abe". I spoke to Jno M Palmer who is elected on the Illinois Electoral ticket & one of Abe's best friends about Branch for Indian Affairs and he told me Branch should have it if that was what he wanted. Tell Branch this much of this letter. I will write you if I get a chance from the Border.

Yours ever

Jim Peckham

Dear Sir,
I have just received your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the
proposed change in the mode of holding the office of Justice of the
Peace. I have given it some consideration and I am glad to hear
that you are in favor of the proposed change. I think it will be
for the benefit of the public and I will do all in my power to
bring it about. I will write you again in a few days.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John W. Johnson