Springfield, July 29, 1858

Dear Mr. D. L. Douglas,

You, of the 24th, in speaking of the D.T. in relation to the condition of things you have described, I am receiving; and in so far, I have been reply to say that I am not aware that you have seen my note, nor do I know that you have seen any of my written communications to you. As far as I am aware, the only direct action the paper has taken has been to publish an article in the Chicago Daily News, under the title, "The Tyranny of Parties," which article has been widely discussed and commented upon. The article is written in a spirit of moderation and fairness, and is intended to be a call for reason and moderation in political matters.

I am surprised to hear that you are not satisfied with the way in which the paper has handled this matter. As you are aware, the paper has always been careful to avoid controversy and to present a balanced view of the issues involved. I am therefore not able to understand your reasons for dissatisfaction.

I trust that you will be satisfied with the way in which the paper has handled this matter. I am always willing to consider any suggestions you may have for improving the paper's performance in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Abraham Lincoln

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