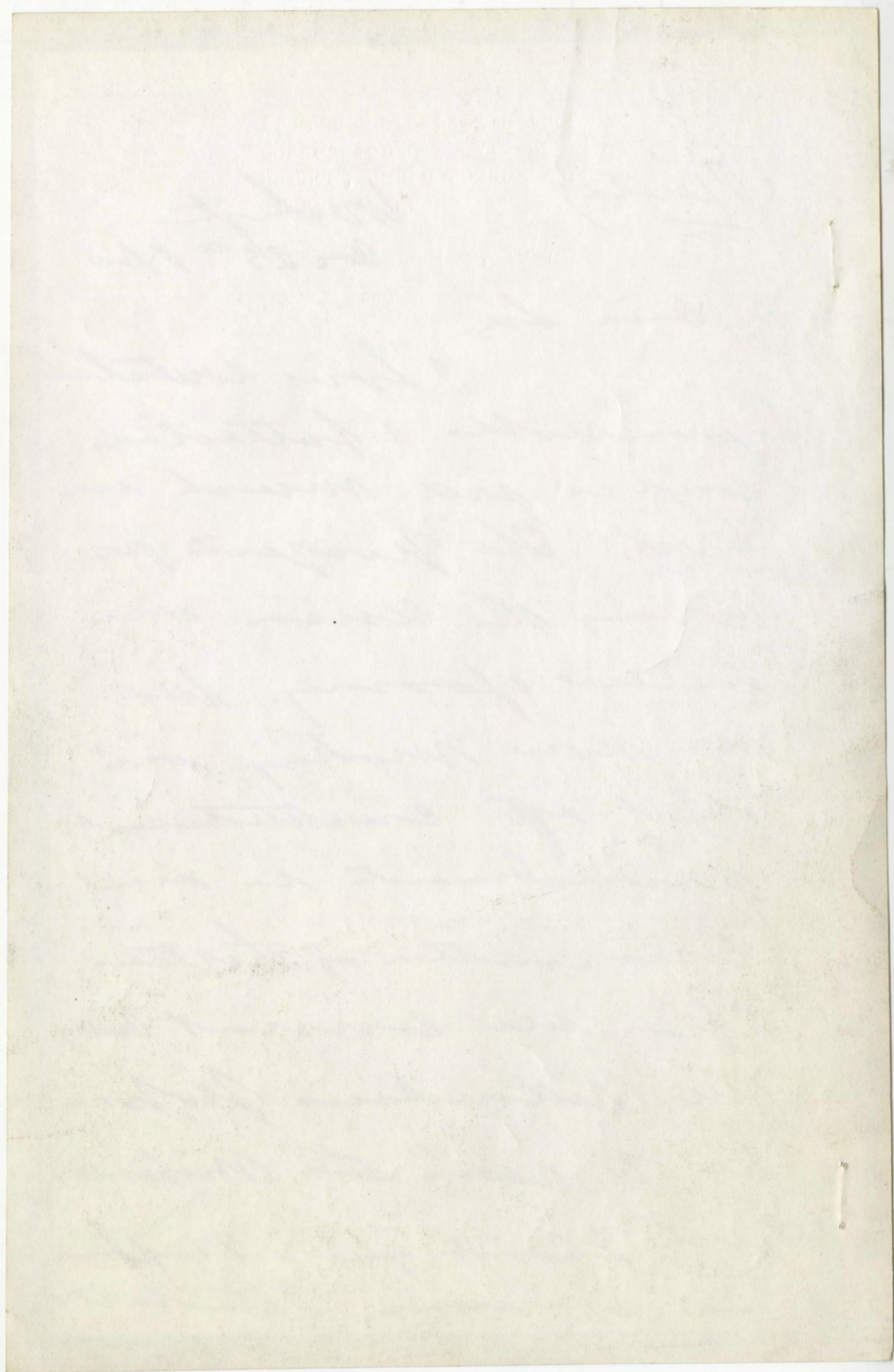


(Private)

Washgton
Dec 25th 1860

My Dear Sir

I have watched
your noble & patriotic
course with much in-
terest. The prospects for
saving the Union are
indeed gloomy. We
are now making an
effort at constitutional
amendments in our
Conventions of thirteen.
I fear we cannot carry
Mr Crittenden's proposi-
tion to save the Union
line. I send you a proposi-
tion of mine. I think it



can be carried, if the
South will take it.

Starting it well, keeping in
view the proceedings of
the Convention of Prose Slaves
in Mexico, and see
if it is not all the
South can wish. I
have endeavored to
cover all the points
in controversy. If you
approve please call atten-
tion in the Reps. I am writing
to my Modification in
view, which will take
the subject out of Congress.
Let me hear from you

you were believe me

truly your friend

Wm. W. Chapman

Rev A A Stephens

Andrew A. Stephens

Dear Sir

I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your

letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you

Yours truly

from a photostat in the
possession of David Rankin
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