

Douglas, as a demagogue as corrupt
I am very much afraid that he
will get the nomination at
Charleston - If so, will he carry
this State? I am afraid so. I shall
be no matter how strong Southern
the platform may be on which
he runs - I am a good deal anxious

also about the Candidate for
Gov. - The candidate for Gov.
should be a man self possessed
- always ready to debate the politics
of the day with any opponent
and to debate too ably - He
should also be a cool man,
not easily provoked & angry -

Mr Swett of this place
is in my opinion the very
man to make the race -
He is an able man &
efficient speaker - I really
do not know (Mr Lincoln
alone excepted) a more
efficient man or a lawgiver
in the State - He is a self

possessed. able, with
no arrogant manner or
speech, but with a consciousness
that he is able to debate with
any man -

The young men of a
party win an election much
more than men of your age or
mine - Mr Swett has great power
in inspiring spirit, hope and
enthusiasm in the young men
of the party -

Mr Ladd of Chicago
has been spoken of prominently
for the office - The bitter quarrel
between him & Fremont, wd
under his nomination a very
injurious one -

This State is very slow,
if against the Democracy
at all - We can't speculate
on chance - Without worthy
action & efficient aid & co-op-
eration, this State can't be
carried at all - I write this note
for an idea of my views,
and would be pleased to hear from
you at your convenience -
Yours truly
David Davis

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Bloomington, Illinois
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My Dear Sir -

A few lines on politics
by way of renewing our old ac-
quaintance, will not I trust be
unacceptable -

I am naturally so
conservative, that it was a
long time before I could wish the
Republican party entire success.
I do wish them success - I believe
the Democratic party, if permitted
much longer to rule the country
will ruin it - Who are you for
Pres? - Who should be nominated
at Chicago - Of course, I shd
like it, if Lincoln could be nomi-
nated - but I am afraid that is
a foregone conclusion - It seems to
me from this standpoint now, as if
it would either be Mr. Seward or Mr. Sumner

