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Crestline Ohio.
Sept 7th 84.

Hon. Samuel Fessenden.
Secty Nat Com.
N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 28th ult. reached me several days ago. but I delayed an answer until I had made a thorough canvass of the colored vote in the State, this I have done with both pains & expense. and I can safely say that we will not lose any colored vote in the State except a few that may vote the Temperance ticket or the Workmen ticket, and probably a hundred at most in Cincinatti. beyond this you can count the colored vote of Ohio solid for the ticket Oct 1st Yours.

They are rapidly forming B + L. Clubs. and wherever they have a sufficiency of members are forming Colored Clubs. with great alacrity and pride. I will suggest to Mr Bigbee when I reach Columbus that some one be sent to Cincinnati to look after the colored vote there. it is best that such person be a resident of the State who can remain there about a couple weeks just before the election, this course I am of the opinion will reduce the numbers that at this writing are apparently against us. My reason for suggesting a resident of the State is because Peter H. Clark a very intelligent colored gentleman now in the employ of the Democracy can better work upon the local matters of the State + city by one who will give them

the unhistorical and religious gathering the time in wardness of Clarks apparent zeal for the Democracy — Generally speaking the party is getting in splendid fighting trim the rank and file are compelling the leaders to head up their dissensions I have spoken every day for ten days in the meetings which have been determined — enthusiastic last night at Van Wert — we had by actual count fourteen hundred and fifty four torches in line besides horsemen and persons on foot and in wagons. I fear that the Republicans are doing their best to reduce the Democratic majorities in Shelby & Counties. The apathy of a few weeks ago has given away to active energetic work.

Respectfully D. L. O. Hoss

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Crestline, Ohio

Colored vote

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Advocates sending a colored worker

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To W. Fessenden