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Greenwood  
Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 1861

D. C. Williams Esq:

Dear Sir:

I engaged some  
sixteen subscribers to the Press, whose  
names, together with amount of subscrip-  
tion, I sent by Mr Cross of your town.  
I hope the Editor will spare no pains  
in his effort to give his paper efficiency  
as a Campaign paper. Let it strike  
and strike hard! Let it keep,  
until the election, in its editorial  
column, in large characters, the vote  
on Garland's Resolutions - also Bob  
Johnson's vote on the Crittenden Res.  
or rather his refusal to vote. Let  
it have two leading objects, which  
I find most effective with the  
people, viz: to show a settled  
design to break up the government  
on the part of secessionists and to  
prove their hostility to compromise.  
Above all teach the people not to  
look to Congress for an adjustment.  
They already ask why Congress hasn't settled the

Another and even begin to despair.

Let us organize Union Clubs in the several Counties and make at least as great show of zeal as possible! It encourages the people.

Already I have heard even good Union men saying that the State will secede and so conclude the career, they say, the secessionists are making so much greater efforts than the Union men. You know that it is but an easy transition from despair to hopelessness and even to absolute conversion. Let us prevent this. Let the Clubs meet frequently and have addresses by men from other counties. It will give appearance of activity - and zeal which will encourage. It is not much trouble for instance for Mr Turner or Mr Thomas to visit the adjoining counties and make a speech. So with gentlemen from other counties. So far as I am concerned I am willing to do all I can. Indeed, I have been so much misrepresented, I feel very inclined to vindicate my views in all the adjoining counties, after the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month. I designate that time

because I desire, when I do speak, to do as in reply to that gentleman! Senator Johnson, who will doubtless be but too successful in misleading the people.

It would be well if a number of Washingtons or Annells addresses, (with the anecdote of the secessionist who upon hearing a portion of it read and ignorant of its author, said he wanted to hear no more of that damned stuff! he would but he was a submissionist) appended) sent out to Scott and Franklin Counties.

Very truly  
In great haste

Wm. P. Roberts