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Cincinnati, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1861

Thomas Bolton, Esq.

Cleveland, O.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter a few moments since  
as you are already advised by telegraph.

Mr. Van Buren is a hard man  
to get a letter and a certain appointment from: but  
by dint of perseverance I have succeeded in getting him  
to fix the 17<sup>th</sup> for his advent here. As he has made up  
made up his mind to come by the way of the Lakes, I regret  
that arrangements were not made for him in his  
way here. But nothing could be done in this respect  
until we could hear from him and then it was too  
late.

He writes me that he wishes to go to  
Evanville to transact some private business. If he does  
this it will be impossible for him to get back to Ohio  
in time to be at Cleveland on the 25<sup>th</sup>: but I expect  
he will give up his Evansville trip, on account of the low  
water in the river: and in that case we shall certainly  
so arrange matters that he will be with you on the <sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~26<sup>th</sup>~~

as you wish. I will telegraph you on Tuesday, whether he will  
be there on that day, and if not on what day, you may expect  
him.

I have written to James about matters & things here  
in general & particular for the True Democrat. Our watchword  
is Onward, Courage, Faith, Victory.

You ask me if I can be with you on the 25th.  
It would do my heart good to look in the faces and  
receive the kind greetings of the Western Reserve men once  
more. I shall never forget their cordial kindness, when I was  
among them a few weeks ago. And then how nobly, how gloriously, they  
have stood by the Great Cause, holding every thing cheap but Principle  
& Duty! God bless them for their high example to all the Free Democrats,  
all over the land. If I can possibly come, you may be sure  
I shall not deny myself the pleasure. But I fear it is  
impossible: as I have had hardly a moment to give to my  
own affairs since the Buffalo nomination, and they demand  
my attention.

Why won't the Taylor men cease to obstruct the Free Soil Party?  
If they would only withdraw their Electoral ticket, we could carry  
the State for Van Buren. As it is they may succeed in giving it  
to Cass. Let us however hope the best and do our best. Give my best  
regards to Briggs, Liddings and the rest. — Truly & faithfully yours,  
S. P. Chase

S. P. Chase

Oct 10 - 1848