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Chicago, April 14 1864.

President Lincoln

Sir. I am confident
that the vast majority of the
Republican party will
sustain the views laid down
in your recent speech.
Now that the rebellion is
in the condition of that
fellow's dog which swallowed
the cake containing powder and
punk, the people will
feel desirous of admitting
the seceded States as fast
as it can safely be done.
Your illustration of the
egg and the fowl I think
was very happy. If
you have time to run
your eye over the enclosed
slip

You will perceive that
we back you up stoutly.
But while we all feel
resolved to give you
a hearty support we do
hope that you will
not deal too leniently
with the cruel, vindictive
millions who sterner to
death with devilish malice
25,000 of our brave patri-
otic sons and brothers.

There can be no forgive-
ness for them on this side
of the grave. At their head
is the Miscreant Jeff Davis.

If it be deemed best not
to hang many of the ringlead-
ers, some at least ought
to be executed and no
seceder from Congress
should ever be allowed

to set foot in the halls
of Congress again. No
West Pointer who resigned
Federal Service to take up
arms against his Country
should ever be allowed
to hold a Commission in
our army again. It
may not be advisable
to confiscate the property
of rebels or to hang many
of them, but surely the
leaders should all be
disfranchised and forbidden
to hold office. I think
this much the loyal people
will strenuously insist upon.
The ignorant masses we can
forgive. They have been well
punished for their folly already,
but the guilty leaders should
be taught that there is just
punishment after death.

We hope to have you
here at the opening of our
great fair - accompanied
by Mrs Lincoln. Our Mother
counts on it. You have
staid in Washington long
enough without a furlough,
and should now take one.
The weather will be de-
lightful, and every thing
will conspire to make your
visit pleasant and agreeable.

We will agree not to shake
you to death but will not
hesitate to refrain from pretty
loud cheering.

Yours Truly

J. Medill

He was killed before the letter reached
him. It was returned by Colfax