

Portland April 8<sup>th</sup> 1870

Cpt J. C. Ainsworth, President of the  
O. S. A. Co. Dear Sir

Your very kind and flattering  
letter with its contents, has been  
received and I duly appreciate  
the motives which actuated  
its dictation - and tender you  
my sincere thanks -

The distinguished honor  
conferred upon me, by placing  
my name as the standard bearer  
of the Republican party in the  
ensuing campaign, is greatly enhanced  
by being approved of by such of  
my old <sup>friends and</sup> acquaintances and ~~friends~~  
as yourself. I am glad to  
know that you condemn the  
reckless <sup>folly</sup> and madness of those  
who promulgated the Abbeys

platform, and trust that a suffi-  
-cient number of reasonable <sup>independent</sup> voters  
may be found to stamp that  
act with their unqualified con-  
demnation, and save us from  
such a disgrace.

Copy of letter to  
J. B. Stewart  
Pass. Oct. 1850