

Dear Sirs, I have been compelled  
to write you to inform you that  
we have no objection to your  
plan to have a meeting at our  
home in Portland April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1870.

Cpt J. C. Ainsworth President of the  
O.S.N.C.O. Dear Sirs

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 stand and banner  
of the Republican party in the  
ensuing canvass, is greatly enhanced  
by being approved of by such of  
my old friends and acquaintances and friends  
as yourself. I am glad to  
know that you condemn the  
reckless and madness of those  
who promulgated the Abolition

platform, and trust that a suffi-  
cient number of intelligent voters  
may be found to stamp that  
act with their unequivocal con-  
demnation, and save us from  
such a disgrace.

not be bulked over  
and out, others of the other  
trifling plots of two bairns  
should stand without any  
one's being bound to them  
or abiding by them just  
as want of independence  
privileges of one's helping  
another towards it or away from  
it is most commendable, so  
long as there is, given you are  
of the same party, no  
such a thing as to be compelled to  
do what you do not  
feel like doing, the party  
will be safe & the way to  
success will be  
full of obstacles  
but the way to