

Abraham Lincoln papers

From Stephen A. Douglas to Abraham Lincoln¹, July 30, 1858

¹ Lincoln's reply is in *Collected Works*, II, 531.

Bement, Piatt Co. Ill.

July 30th, 1858

Dear Sir:

Your letter, dated yesterday,² accepting my proposition for a joint discussion at one prominent point in each Congressional district as stated in my previous letter was received this morning.

² See Lincoln to Douglas, July 29, 1858.

The times and places designated are as follows:

Ottawa, LaSalle Co., August 21st 1858

Freeport, Stevenson Co. "27th"

Jonesboro', Union Co. September 15 ""

Charleston, Coles Co. "18 ""

Galesburg, Knox Co. October 7 ""

Quincy, Adams Co. "13 ""

Alton, Madison Co. "15 ""

I agree to your suggestion that we shall alternately open and close the discussion. I will speak at Ottawa one hour, you can reply, occupying an hour and a half, and I will then follow for half an hour. At Freeport you shall open the discussion and speak one hour, I will follow for an hour and a half and you can then reply for half an hour. We will alternate in like manner at each successive place.

Very resp'y,



Y'r ob't serv't,

S. A. Douglas