



Portland May 15 1862

Friend Shepley

Some ten days since I wrote and directed letter to Ship Island, as it is possible the letter may not reach you I write again to say that the purport of the letter addressed to you at Ship Island <sup>was</sup> to advise you that political matters are beginning to be canvassed and that the Age had named you as a probable candidate for Gov. & that in talking the matter over with a few of your friends we concluded that we could do far better with your name for Congress in this district than with any others in opposition to the Abolitionists who will either run Brown or Minton. Adams was & tells me he has written you and I venture to drop you a line & suggest that you would repudiate the Gov nomination and also allow your friends to do that which would be thought best as to using your name for congress since first writing the Republicans have called a clean party Convention to

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Description: Sylvanus R. Lyman, of Portland, wrote to Col. George F. Shepley to urge him to run for the U.S. Senate.

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