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Portland, July 30th 1856

Sir:

The Whig State Committee of Maine, in compliance with the wishes of a large number of the Whigs of this State, have decided to call a Mass Meeting of our friends at Waterville, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of August, next, that they may counsel to -gether, as to their duty, in the present crisis in the political affairs of the country.

While the Whigs of the coun -try are not, perhaps, able to control its disti nies, we feel, that they retain the power, to exert some useful influence in protecting its common interests and maintaining, unimpaired, the integrity of the Constitution and the Union.

Among the ancient champions of the principles of the Whig Party, we know of no one in the whole country, whom the whigs of Maine, would be more gratified to hear, on the occasion referred to thair yourself

We, therefore, in behalf of the Whigs of the State of Maine, invite you to be present, and speak to men, who from conviction, aided by your own distinguished example and patriotic

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> With much respect, Your obt. servt. E.W. Farley, for Whig State Committee

To the Honorable Rufus Choate