

Greenwich Village Aug 4th 1839  
General Richards;

I will force this passing moment  
to you with whom I have spent some pleasant hours  
in the talk & laughing & merriment of the chess table  
now feeling that a few evenings the thought that after  
endeavouring the fatigue of a civil war may remain to our  
homes & friends that to enjoy the pleasures arising from the  
domestic circle & all the enjoyments of social life where the  
past pleasures are lost in the enjoyments of the present  
but I will reserve from the subject at which I intended  
to hint I expected to have seen you for some time  
but as happens I am content to write & request you to  
answer it soon as convenient, that I wish to know what  
you intend to do in other words if you intend to  
leave the country at all in the future I think there is  
no doubt but it will carry me off in a short time  
I have about 13 days since I got home & I expect  
one week more business I intend to follow what  
will I stop in the State of Mass  
I shall be ready to leave soon as the 20th of next month  
my father will head the report for me & you do not  
know how much I want your company but as you have  
I do not want to overburden any one

Wm Lincoln

Aug 9 39  
1/2

John Richards Esq

Fort Fairfield coast town Co  
Maine

By the post office of Capt Fowle

4/4/39  
1/2

but wish for every one to do as they think proper.  
Business is terrible good on this side this season much  
better than it has been for me on three seasons past  
There is no news in circulation that I get hold of  
which is nothing of note very little talk on politics  
for the <sup>time</sup> of year but we shall soon hear the lion  
roar, no doubt as the fall election is approaching  
that I must close for the present, as the talk  
is getting for meeting. Please write soon if you  
prefer to stop on the ~~street~~ <sup>street</sup> any length  
of time, yours with much respect & in great haste  
J. G. Jackson

If you come down from you may find me at they  
shows at great works village about two miles below  
Clinton on the stage road & I shall expect  
you to call on me without fail  
please render my best respects to my friends at  
the fort & mention you know who they are & cannot  
stop to enumerate them at present.  
J. G. Jackson  
Clinton Arkansas