

First - Because it will be one of the first duties  
of Harrison to bring about a settlement of the  
lines, thereby in a short time the arrested will  
begin to flourish, the people will be able to  
organise in to towns, have schools &c

Secondly, It will be one of the first duties of our  
legislature to see that those who have not received  
their surplus have it paid to them

Thirdly, Harrison is a former <sup>and</sup> an Old Soldier  
he know the wants of the labouring man and  
will use all his influence to relieve those  
wants, he is the son of one of the signers of the  
declaration of Independence

You will perceive that if the  
people understand these things they will vote for  
the best man, I believe the best way to  
convince a person of his errors is by mild argu-  
ment, set things in their true light, tell them  
of the great importance to consider well the  
effect their vote has ~~if it turns the scale~~ upon  
the affairs of their country, I trust no pains  
will be spared by you, friend Wing & Mr Howard

You are capable of calling the people to get-  
er and addressing them in small parties,  
I must close by wishing you good  
luck & that we shall have the great satisfac-  
tion of being our country reformed  
Almond P. Richard, of B. Patten,

Porter of Houlton Oct 12. 1840

My Dear Sir  
My friend, your friend, and  
a friend to Harrison & Reform will be  
the bearer of these lines, he leaves to morrow  
for the arrested to cooperate with you and  
other good whigs to go for those men &  
measures which will bring back our repu-  
back to a happy & prosperous condition  
The bearer of these lines is Mr Bradford  
Cummings is a man highly esteemed by  
both political parties, he is a true friend  
to the cause of Harrison and will do all  
he can sincerely to promote his election

The present is a crisis which should  
bring every man to the polls that will vote  
the Whig ticket, not a rock should be left  
unturned, Now who is the man to help  
do this great work, it is them that understand  
the politics of the nation, them that feel  
and know that we are lost as a republic  
will not we change the course of this  
Administration, Our friend Cummings has  
volunteered to assist us by visiting on the  
arrested, but he can not do the work alone  
therefore I have referred him to you for

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of assistance, and I believe I have referred <sup>him</sup> to  
a man who is capable and willing to do all  
he can for the good of the country, if you  
will give up your time to this business as  
long as it is necessary I will be personally  
responsible to pay you for the time so spent  
~~at~~ I send Richards you may think  
me to be rather hard to ask you to give up  
work to converse <sup>with</sup> and instruct your friends  
in the cause of democracy but it is indispensa-  
ble who except god himself know but this  
election may be turned by your influence, in  
other words by four or five votes, we shall not  
lose any thing by our election if Harrison  
becomes our next president what I mean by  
that is that we shall all receive a share  
of the prosperity of our country.

I propose a few  
ideas for the ground work of your argument  
with the Acrostock people which is true to the  
letter, First that the present administration is  
in favour of a direct tax to support the wheels  
of government instead of laying a duty on luxuries  
the way articles mostly consumed by <sup>the</sup> rich class of people  
Secondly, that they are in favour of the subtreasury  
which has the effect to bring down the prices of  
produce and the wages of the labourer, thus ensuring  
the rich and making the poor, poor indeed

Thirdly They are in favour of a standing army which  
character I have set forth as I understand it in my other  
letter I might of added that if this project goes in  
to effect that the Acrostock country has got to burn out  
a proportion to their number to make up this standing <sup>army</sup>  
or go to prison or pay a heavy fine

Fourthly

The whole policy of the General Government <sup>under the present admin</sup>  
has been to forsake the subject of settling our N. East  
Boundary line but now asks the settlers to ~~take~~ sustain  
them in office by their vote

Fifthly That the settlers have been abused by  
the administration of this state, instead of letting  
them pay a moderate sum for their timber the  
have exacted such a price as they have been  
unable to pay, then by they have suffered for the  
necessity of life and have not been able to pay  
their debts

Sixthly The present administration knows  
that most of the settlers on the Acrostock have  
either not got their surplus revenue or have  
been obliged to take it in Moots & Shus when  
they should of received it in money, at the  
same time they have kept the men in office  
who actually cheated them out of their rights

Now I will proceed to show why they should  
support Harrison