

Lincolnville Nov<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1840

Mr. Almon Richards Esq<sup>r</sup>

Dear Sir,

To acknowledge the rec<sup>d</sup> of your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> and  
 And give you some faint idea of the process by which  
 the Josefoss motives (rather learning name) conducted  
 to gain their points in this town (Lincolnville)  
 you are aware Sir that this place is made up of men  
 (with a few honorable exceptions) of the off-shooting of  
 all Gods creation, men Sir that have no principles either  
 in Religion or Politics, they are bought and sold like  
 dumb beasts too gilly of New Rum is enough for to  
 secure most of them to Hurrak for the vagabond (for there  
 is no softer name to call the Demagogue of Kinderhook)  
 Lies of the worst kind have been told, and have been  
 believed by their afore said <sup>men</sup> they may be so called  
 But to dwell more upon particular the Deans all voted  
 for Hunt in Sept<sup>r</sup> & cried lustily for old tip until  
 Saturday before the an<sup>o</sup> Cap<sup>r</sup> Stevens took the old man  
 and Nathan down to Camden before his Majesty  
 Bibulous otherwise to the Smart & Posten, they then  
 went through some strange process to reclaim the  
 backsliders It is no mystery to me but some how they  
 showed them the thirty nine stripes as Dean says  
 of Harrisons law But be this as it May it had

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 Township letter of  
 Prestons County  
 Virginia  
 Mills

it had the desired effect they came home like  
the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the  
mire. Stevens got old Peter Heal to go to town  
meeting and carried him and old Shesheah next day  
Heal went to get Stevens wagon to go to mill  
but it was no go fifty Albert sent money  
to Bangor to fetch home their whole rank and file

Capt Ex Representative <sup>Tricapt.</sup> hauled up his vessel  
and turned his attention to his holy cause  
he said before Harrison should be President he would  
pull out his own heart and eat it

they also carried one man to town meeting that was so  
drunk that it took five men to carry him to the Pools  
and then lifted his hand high enough to get it into  
the Boy, Sunday the first the being Journal came  
out with their extra lies of the New York fraud  
and they were most industriously spread they was the  
means of deceiving many

But Sir it is past my art to describe things as they  
are your Father came down Saturday before Election  
to fetch me over he read your letter to me and talked  
me almost blind it was ten o'clock when he went  
home he says his wifes oldest son is one terrible  
creature sometimes he was mad and some times  
good natured, But he thinks you bear down hard  
upon him <sup>had</sup> French with me and the  
way he took it want show, he says you wont  
never write to him again for shame

But on the other hand the good Whigs of this  
town that was at home turned out to a man  
we had nineteen that was gone by adverse winds  
if they had been at home we should been 108 strong  
the Tories on the other hand had But ~~two~~ you  
they had their full force, they crowed lustily that  
night and the next morning, But their joy was  
of short duration in 24 hours we had news enough  
to satisfy us that it was not all Lincolnville in  
this state Bless the Lord old tip has triumphed  
and the people are free we shall have at least  
2/3 of the electoral votes for the Hero of North Bend  
I should be very happy to have a continuance of  
correspondence as often as it may be convenient

Yours except my Highest Consideration and  
Respects

Edward Rice to

Almon Richards Esq

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