

(Confidential)

Ashland July 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

My Dear Alexander,

I have gotten myself into a terrible difficulty with the Editor of the Louisville Journal, in consequence of my having dared to make a speech a week or so ago, in opposition to the New Meeting party, and in defence of your Catholics and of the cause of Liberty - all which you have doubtless seen in the columns of the Journal.

We can show not a doubt of further newspaper controversy with such a man. I have today sent Mr. Prentiss a set through hands of a friend to inquire whether he holds himself personally responsible as a gentleman for his attacks upon private individuals. If he answers that he does I will of course challenge him, and the affair will be somewhat different in its consequences from ordinary duels - In the scope of my acquaintance, I cannot think