

John Thomas & Co

Lexington

May 11th 1853

Mr Blaine

My Dear Brother

St Louis 6th May 1853

I am still at this place
endeavouring to wind up my business
as Marshal, as Capt Taylor has seen
proper to supersede me -

I recd a letter a day or two since
at this place from Mr Clay, who infor-
- me me as that previously has
advised that you were a candidate
for the Legislature, and that if he
should be elected, he intended to support
you -

The object of this party letter
is to advise you of this fact, so that
you may adopt your course accordingly
I have written to Mr Clay by the bearer
of this (Mr Blaine) and he has said he
as I have often done that you are
he ought to be your friends -

If you will take a little pains
now, you will secure Peace & Liberty
his interest, a circumstance worthy
pride of in all time to come -

I am winding up my business
to the entire satisfaction of all parties
my removal is equally to be regretted
by both Whigs & Democrats, and I was
never more honored and respected
than at this time -