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Lancaster Sept. 22, 1855

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of yesterday I have to say that I know Peter Martin to be a fine Antislavery man, and as much opposed to the Kansas outrage; and as much in favor of the restoration of the Missouri Compromise as any man in the Union—

What a pity that Antislavery men should give the triumph to their opponents, on account of side issues!

[Yours]

Thaddeus Stevens

Ed. McPherson