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John F Dent Esqr } Elkton Md April 2nd
Milestown
Md } Dear

Your favor of the 21st has been just received by me owing to my absence from home since March 1st in the West. I hope you will take this as an excuse for my seeming neglect. The letter should have been delivered to Mr McCullough in my absence. but the stupid Post master neglected so to do. In conversation with friends to day. I learned that the people in this County were strongly opposed to a Convention. but their hopes have been considerably dampened by the course pursued by Gov Bradford and Gen Wallace. the license given by their construction of the law allowing Judges of the Election to put all manner of questions to voters. and the fact that every Judge in our county is of the strongest abolition proclivities and feelings. I fear we will not be able to get our vote out —

There are also a great number of soldiers now in our County who have come home to vote, at one place they prevented our friends from holding a meeting: they openly boast that no "Copperhead" shall be allowed to vote. unless they votes the Union