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My dear Sir

You will have seen by the proceedings of our Whig State Convention that we adopted a resolution, offered reluctantly by a decided Taylor delegate, declaring that you were the first choice of the Whigs of Maryland, & Gen. Taylor their second choice -

I demanded that the sense of the Convention should be taken separately on the two branches of this resolution - which was strongly resisted - The first proposition that you were the choice of the State was carried unanimously - & the second by a bare majority of 54 to 49 - being the full vote of the Convention -

So that the eight votes from Maryland in the National Convention are pledged to you - I hope you will maintain your present position - It was stated in the private Meeting of the Convention by the same Taylor Member that one of the Kentucky Senators had written to you to withdraw your name, as the ~~chance~~ chance was hopeless - I expressed my doubts of the fact, & the assertion was positively repeated - All the indications, I think, are favorable to your nomination & election -

Yrs faithfully

J. Lee

Hon
Henry Clay
Ashland near Lexington
Kentucky

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