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Bro Hall

What think you of changing the "Mercury" to a democratic paper. So far as a Representative to Congress is concerned, we are sold to the Dutch, and there will be a great effort made to carry the County. If the "Mercury" would hoist the Democratic colours, what would be the certain ~~[illegible]~~ amt of Subscribers to be obtained in your part of the County, and could there be any persons found who would write for it.

It is a fixed fact that the paper has to change in some way, if the Democrats do not control it the Whigs will.

I see it intimated that the Nebraska fight has to be gone over again, but I cannot see how this is possible, certainly Congress understood the Bill they passed, if there has been a mistake, they ought none of them to be sent back again. Tho I wish the Clayton amendment was in it. I am from first to last opposed to foreign influence, and foreign voters, unless they have been in the Country at least twenty one years, and if they come over after they were twenty five years of age, they ought never to have a vote.

Yrs.

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