

Burlington July 25 1848.

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a call for a free soil convention, held yesterday at Williston. Being an original Free soil man, I attended the convention with a view of acting under the call, and upon the business therein specified, and that alone.

Speeches were made, and all went on harmoniously until the report of the Committee on resolutions came in. The first resolution set forth the duty of every man who considers slavery an evil, to exert his influence against the extension of it into territory now free. Mr Briggs (editor of the Gazette, not Wm.B.,) moved to amend by asserting the constitutional power of Congress to abolish slavery in the district of Columbia, and their duty to exercise that power.

This was strenuously opposed by some of the bannermen, and F. G. Hill & Stansbury, whigs, on the ground that the call did not authorize any action upon the subject of slavery in the District of C. and Mr Briggs first modified - and afterwards withdrew the amendment, for the sake of harmony.

Matters went on tolerably harmoniously afterwards. A proposition to nominate County Senators came up, which I opposed, because the convention was not called for that purpose, and as the convention had confined their action thus far strictly within the call, it ought not to make any nomination for Senators; it would not be binding upon