

Office of the Illinois Central R. R. Company,  
Chicago, April 26 1855 }

To the Honorable the Mayor  
& Council of the City of Chicago;

Gentlemen; Conforming  
to a joint Resolution of the two Houses of the  
Illinois State Legislature, I have the honor  
to invite you to participate in a Legislative  
Trip to Cairo, and enclose cards for that  
purpose. A Special Train will leave Chicago  
on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May at 8.45 P.M.,  
and proceed to Cairo and return.

Trusting we shall have the pleasure  
of the company of the Municipal authorities  
of Chicago on the occasion,

I am, Gentlemen with Great Respect  
Your obedient servant  
R. B. Mason