

Gentlemen

Hermitage
May 12th 1842

I have rec^d at this place your letter
concerning me in behalf of ~~the~~ Common Council to visit
Chicago as my usual home. Having decided to return
by the way of the Lake, it will ^{be} in my power to
comply with the request of the Common Council,
and I beg you to assure them that I shall do so
with great pleasure. It is not at this moment in my
power to say at what time I shall be able to
reach your City, but hope to do so by the 20th
of June, at the farthest.

Have the goodness to make
to the Council my sincere acknowledgments
for the gratifying manner of their report, and
believe me to be, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully,
Your friend and
obedient servant
Wm. W. Allen

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John Calhoun
Daniel Ellston
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Committee.