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 8th of May at 8.45 A.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