

Executive Mansion,
Springfield, Illinois.

Aug 31st 79.

Dear Sir,

The President has accepted an invitation to visit Springfield during the meeting of the State Fair to be held here beginning on the 29th Prox -

I would be pleased to have you honor our State by a visit at the same time -

It will give me much

pleasure to do what-I can
to make your visit agreeable
I shall expect you to be
my guest with the President
With respect-I am truly yours

Wm. C. Cullom

Hon. Richard Thompson.

Secy of the Navy

Washington

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