

mention Lincoln

Brownsville Haywood County Tenn
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Rev R W Thompson

Dear Sir
Enclosed you will find an article
from Pittsburg Gazette purporting
to give a synopsis of a speech
made by Nelson Emerson Etheridge
while at your house.

The Democrats are charging that
Etheridge did make the speech,
please answer and let me
know if Etheridge used the
language attributed to him.
He (Etheridge) in a speech here a
few days ago gave it the flat denial
but that does not seem to satisfy
them. They also charge that
you have gone over to the support
of Lincoln, this I am confident
is not so. please answer by
return mail and let me know
in regard to Etheridge making the
speech and your supporting
Lincoln. Bell will carry this
state by at least 20000. Our
prospects were never brighter.
Answer by return mail
yours & co, A, D, Bright

A. S. Bengtson
(Tenn)
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