THE COLLECTED WORKS OF

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

SECOND SUPPLEMENT 1848-1865

THE COLLECTED WORKS OF

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

SECOND SUPPLEMENT 1848-1865

ROY P. BASLER and CHRISTIAN O. BASLER, EDITORS

Rutgers University Press
New Brunswick and London

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

The Collected works of Abraham Lincoln. Second supplement 1848-1865

Roy P. Basler and Christian O. Basler, editors.

p. cm.

Includes bibliographical references.

ISBN 0-8135-1532-7

1. Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865. 2. Presidents—United States—Biography. 3. United States—Politics and government—1815-1861. 4. United States—Politics and government—1849-1877. I. Basler, Roy Prentice, 1906-1989. II. Basler, Christian O., 1939- E457.91 1953 Suppl. 2

973.7'092—dc20 89-24297

[B] CIP

British Cataloging-in-Publication information available

COPYRIGHT © 2025 by the Abraham Lincoln Association

All rights reserved. No portion of this book be reproduced, by any process or technique, without the express written consent of the authors and publisher.

Rights to this publication were acquired from the Roy P. Basler and Christian O. Basler heirs in 2023 by the Abraham Lincoln Association, Springfield, Illinois, for the purpose of making it available and searchable online. Published online on February 12, 2025.

PREFACE

The final volume of *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* went to press in 1952, the *First Supplement* in 1974. This *Second Supplement* contains items that have surfaced since 1974. They run, as in the *First Supplement,* to the routine and minor item more generally than was true in *The Collected Works.*

For performing the basic task of collecting the new items, we are indebted to the Library of Congress and the Illinois State Historical Library. To these institutions especially, but also to those other institutions and private persons listed in annotations as holders of the manuscripts, are due the thanks of the editors.

Our work could not have been undertaken without the generous cooperation of others: most notably, Lincoln and Civil War Specialist, Oliver H. Orr, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress; and Lincoln Curator Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historical Library. We owe a special thanks to Mr. Schwartz and the University of Illinois Press for their permission to use the annotations to about a dozen items published in his "Lincoln's Published Writings: A History and Supplement," *The Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association,* Vol. 9 (1987). Thanks are also due Ms. Andrine Basler Cleaver for assistance in copy work.

My father, Roy P. Basler, died before we could put the finishing touches on this *Second Supplement,* but we had already done almost all of the work of selecting items for inclusion and writing annotations. The labor was divided between us according to our respective abilities, his as a Lincoln scholar, mine as an editor (though I am a lawyer by profession).

Our guidelines for selection and annotation content were those set forth in the *First Supplement,* and I shall repeat them here so far as they remain applicable. The continuing effort has been to collect all extant unpublished writings or public utterances of Abraham Lincoln that come within the scope defined in the Foreword to *The Collected Works.* Manuscripts in Lincoln's handwriting are included, with two exceptions: (1) copies made by Lincoln of the compositions of others for transmittal or preservation in his own file, and (2) law cases and

documents appertaining thereto (e.g., receipts for fees, affidavits, declarations, praecipes).

Manuscripts and documents not in Lincoln's handwriting but bearing his signature, or signed for him by his authority, have been included, with certain exceptions. The following have not been included unless particular significance of content or circumstances demanded their presence: acts of Congress, treaties, commissions, authorizations, appointments, pardons, land grants, checks, ships' papers, certificates of service, credences, discharge papers, military orders (except those personally drafted by Lincoln or primarily his), draft orders, routine letters and endorsements of transmittal, routine pardon and clemency endorsements (such as "Let this man take the oath of December 8, 1863, and be discharged"), approvals, letters written and signed by his secretaries, form replies to requests for an autograph, and nominations to office submitted to the United States Senate. With regard to the last category, nominations, it was decided that such routine and repetitive communications usually should be excluded, since they are in print in the *Executive Journal* of the United States Senate.

Public utterances not available in manuscript have been included from contemporary newspaper sources, even when only fragmentary reports have been found.

In gleaning from photocopies of innumerable dealers' catalogues, we most certainly have overlooked some items and have purposely excluded some for reasons of fragmentariness, illegibility, or insignificance. But if we have erred, it is probably more on the side of inclusion rather than exclusion. Our objective has been to be useful. One category of deliberately excluded items, already amply represented in *The Collected Works*, are the numerous orders, signed by but not written by Lincoln, permitting cotton dealers to import Confederate cotton through the lines. These have been most adequately treated by Ludwell H. Johnson, III, "Trading with the Enemy; Some New Lincoln Documents," *Manuscripts*, Vol. XXIX, No. 1, 1987, pp. 29-39.

Other details of the policy and practice followed in producing this volume may be found in the Foreword to *The Collected Works*. One detail, however, should be reiterated here. In editing the text of a manuscript, whether Lincoln's or that of another quoted in the annotation of Lincoln's text, we have endeavored to reproduce the original even in idiosyncrasies of spelling, punctuation, etc., placing editorial emendations in brackets, but avoiding *sic* so far as possible.

Where proper names have been misspelled, the annotation contains the corrected spelling, insofar as we have been able to verify the name.

In *The Collected Works* one major concern was to provide in the footnotes, upon the first appearance of a proper name, an identification of each person mentioned in Lincoln's writings, and to furnish, when available, as much information as is necessary to an understanding of the text. Repetition of these identifications in this volume seemed unnecessary, although we have identified new names when possible. Contemporary records of all kinds have been utilized in this process, and when an answer was not forthcoming, a note to that effect has usually been given.

November 19, 1989 CHRISTIAN O. BASLER

SOURCES

AND LOCATION SYMBOLS

DESCRIPTION OF SOURCES

The following symbols provide a description of sources as cited at the beginning of the first footnote to each item. In addition to the customary symbols for describing manuscripts, the editors have employed symbols or single words to identify other sources that have been cited repeatedly in the first footnote.

AD	Autograph Document
ADS	Autograph Document Signed
ADf	Autograph Draft
ADfs	Autograph Draft Signed
AE	Autograph Endorsement
AES	Autograph Endorsement Signed
AL	Autograph Letter
ALS	Autograph Letter Signed
ALS copy	Autograph Letter Signed, copied by Lincoln and preserved in his papers
AN	Autograph Note
ANS	Autograph Note Signed
Copy	Copy not by Lincoln
D	Document
DS	Document Signed
Df	Draft
DfS	Draft Signed
F	Facsimile--following any of the preceding symbols
LS	Letter Signed
P	Photocopy--following any of the preceding symbols

WORKS REGULARLY CITED

C.W.	*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, Roy P. Basler, Editor, Marion Dolores Pratt and Lloyd A. Dunlap, Assistant Editors. Eight volumes and Index, Rutgers University Press, 1953.

SOURCES

C.W., Supp.	*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, Supplement, 1832-1865*, Roy P. Basler, Editor. One volume, Greenwood Press, 1974.
Day by Day	*Lincoln Day by Day, A Chronology, 1809-1865*, Earl Schenck Miers, Editor-in-Chief, Three volumes, Washington, D.C., 1960
Heitman	*Historical Register of the United States Army.... By* B. F. Heitman, Washington, D.C., 1890.
Official Register	*Register of Officers and Agents, Civil, Military, and Naval, in the Service of the United States on the Thirtieth September, 1861, 1863, 1865.*
OR	*The War of the Rebellion; A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.* 4 series; 70 "volumes"; 128 books, Washington, D.C., Government Printing Office, 1880-1901. Roman numerals are used for Series, Volume, and Part (if any); pages are in arabic.

LOCATION SYMBOLS

CSmH	Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif.
CU	University of California, Berkeley, Calif.
CtY	Yale University Library, New Haven, Conn.
DLC	Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
DLC-HW	Herndon-Weik Collection, Library of Congress.
DLC-RTL	The Robert Todd Lincoln Collection of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, Library of Congress.
DNA	National Archives, Washington, D.C. All additional abbreviations and numbers given with this symbol are those employed by the National Archives at the time the manuscript was located.
I-Ar	Archives Division, Illinois State Library, Springfield, Ill.
ICHi	Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.
ICU	University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Ill.
IGK	Knox College Library, Galesburg, Ill.
IHi	Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Ill.
IR	Rockford College Library, Rockford, Ill.
IU	University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Ill.
ICarbS	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.

SOURCES

IaHA	Iowa State Department of History and Archives, Des Moines, Iowa.
IaMtP	Mount Pleasant Iowa Public Library, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.
IaU	University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, Iowa.
InFtwL	Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Ind.
KXStM	Saint Mary College, Xavier, Kans.
KyU	University of Kentucky Library, Lexington, Ky.
MH	Harvard University Library, Cambridge, Mass.
MnSM	Macalester College Library, St. Paul, Minn.
NBu	Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Buffalo, N.Y.
NHi	New York Historical Society, New York City.
NNP	Pierpont Morgan Library, New York City.
NWM	U.S. Military Academy Library, West Point, N.Y.
NJHi	New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, N.J.
OClWHi	Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.
OD	Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, Dayton, Ohio.
OHi	Ohio State Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio.
PHi	Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
RPB	Brown University Library, Providence, R.I.
ViHi	Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Va.

THE COLLECTED WORKS OF

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

SECOND SUPPLEMENT 1848-1865

THE COLLECTED WORKS OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
SECOND SUPPLEMENT 1848-1865

To J. M. McCalla[1]

Will Mr. McCalla please examine these papers, and inform me whether anything, and if so, what, can be done in the case?
Jany 24, 1848 A. LINCOLN, of HR.

[1] ALS, IHi. McCalla was the second auditor in the Treasury Department. No clue exists as to the case Lincoln mentions.

To the Patent Office[1]

Dear Judge [December 1848]
You see by the above that a copy of a certain Patent is wanted. Please make it out and send it to me, together with this letter.
Yours as ever, A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-P, IHi. Lincoln's endorsement is penned on the bottom of a letter from William Thomas, Jacksonville, Illinois, December 1, 1848. The person addressed as "Dear Judge" has not been identified.

To Moses Hampton[1]

Charleston, Illinois June 1, 1849
At last I concluded to take the General Land-Office if I can get it. I have come to this conclusion, more to prevent what would be generally bad for the party here, and particularly bad for me, than a positive desire for the office. Will you please write old Zach (not

Mr. Ewing, but Old Zach) as pretty a letter for me as you think the truth will permit? Time is important. What you do, do quickly.
Your friend, as ever A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue D, June 1985, Item 226. A printed text described as ALS.

To Joseph R. Underwood[1]

Hon. J. R. Underwood Springfield, Ills.
Dear Sir: June 3, 1849

You may remember that while at Washington I sought to have you recommend Mr. Cyrus Edwards, of this state, for Commissioner of the General Land Office--Though not much disinclined, I believe you had not done so when I left. I think it probable, you have since--I have received a Telegraphic despach from Washington of the 1st Inst saying a Mr. Butterfield of Chicago, will be appointed, unless prevented by the use of my own name--Mr. B. though entirely competent, so far as I know, is not recommended by any citizen of this state directly for the office, and we feel that should he receive it, we are emphatically under a foreign guardianship,--This, you know, men rebel against--The despach says the appointment has been postponed three weeks in order that our state may be heard from--As against him, I desire the office; and while I shall rely chiefly upon recommendations from home, I wish to make it appear, if I can, that I was not greatly under par, for one of my limited acquaintance, and brief career, while at Washington. For the latter object, I shall be very grateful if you will write the President as pretty a letter for me, as in your judgment the truth will permit. If you write, so frame the letter as to save whatever chance, Mr. Edwards, or anyone else you may have recommended, may yet have. Not a moment of time is to be lost.
Your Obt Servt A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, James S. Copley Library, La Jolla, California.

To Thomas Ewing[1]

Hon. Secretary of the Interior Washington,
Dear Sir, June 22, 1849

This morning, on my mentioning to you, I had an intimation my old friend, Cyrus Edwards, had placed on file, something ill-natured

against me, you had the kindness, as I remember, to volunteer the remark, in my defence, that but for my devotion to Mr. Edwards, manifested by withholding my own name for his benefit, I would now, in your opinion, be the commissioner. If, in this, my memory serves me correctly, you will greatly oblige me, by saying as much on paper, with anything additional to the same point, which may occur to you. It will enable me, I think, to remove from the mind of one of my most highly valued friends, a bad impression, which is now the only thing most painful to me personally, in this whole matter.

Your obt servt A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 93, September 1978, Item 100.

To Thomas Ewing[1]

Hon. Secretary of the Interior Springfield, Ills.
Dear Sir July 9, 1849

The day after the appointment of Mr. Butterfield as Commissioner of the General Land Office you at my request delivered to me, the papers on file in my favor for the same office. They were handed me in a package sealed up; and I did not open them till yesterday. I was surprised to find amongst them no letters from Hon. R. W. Thompson, or Hon. Elisha Embree, late Whig members of Congress from two of the Wabash districts in Indiana. Both these gentlemen had informed me by letter, that they had written the President in my behalf, and had sent me copies of their letters to him, which copies I had at Washington and still have. I would have filed the copies only but that I was told by Mr. Coffee or Mr. Addison (I forget which) that the original was on file already. Something of the contents of one of them was mentioned by my informant, which corresponding with my copy, left me in no doubt but that he had really seen the original. I write this to ascertain if I can, how those originals got off the file, and to have them sent me, if they can be found. I relied upon, and valued, them more than any other two letters I had because of the high standing of the writers, because of their location within the Public Land states, and because they did (what few other members of Congress could) speak of my character and standing at *home*. On discovering they were missing from the file, a remark of Judge Collamer occurred to me. On the same afternoon of the appointment he said to me, that Mr. B. appeared

to be better recommended from the Public Land states than I. I felt sure he was mistaken; yet, never disposed to wrestle with the court after the case is decided, I made no reply. If these letters were not before the cabinet, the judge was nearer right than I supposed. *With* them, I had the State of Indiana clearly; *without* them Mr. B. had it. The letter of Mr. Thompson was a recantation from Mr. B. to me: so that without it, I not only lost him, but he stood in full life, recommending Mr. B. I show the exact bearing of these letters, as an excuse for my anxiety to know how *they*, in particular, happen to be missing. One other letter, which I supposed to be on file, I do not find, but I have not so great a certainty it ever was filed.

Will you please write me on receipt of this?

Your obt. servt A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, IHi. Ewing's endorsement on the bottom of the letter reads "Answered July 18, 1849."

To Thomas Ewing[1]

Hon. Secretary of the Interior Springfield, Ills.
Dear Sir July 27th, 1849

Yours of the 18th in answer to my inquiries concerning the letters of Messrs. Thompson & Embree is received, and for which I thank you. You are deceived—to some extent at least—Mr. Coffee did *not* inform me at the time he gave me the bundle, or at any time, that any letters, filed in my favor, had been retained. He did not give me the bundle in person, but it was sent to my lodgings, accompanied by a letter from yourself, which letter, now before me, contains no indication that any of the letters had been retained. On the contrary it speaks of the papers as an "unbroken series numbered from 75 to 183 inclusive, with a small package *filed* at a late hour on yesterday."

Again, if the letters of Messrs. Thompson & Embree, were retained under the rule you state then that rule was applied with a strange partiality in this case, for I have now under my eye, taken from the bundle mentioned, each with the brief upon it marked in your office eight letters falling completely within that rule. Five of them are addressed to the President, one to a third person & two to yourself; all speak of Mr. B. in the same tone as Messrs. Thompson & Embree and none of them was ever in my possession,

till they came to me in the bundle referred to. But the strangest of all is, that one of these eight letters, now before me, is the identical letter of A. G. Henry, which you expressly state in your letter, has been retained by you or by Mr. Coffee under the rule. Because of these things I have ventured to say you are deceived.
Your obt. Servt. A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, IHi.

To Thomas Ewing[1]

Hon. T. Ewing, Secretary &C. Tremont, Illinois,
Dear Sir Sept. 23, 1849

Your despatch of the 20th announcing my appointment as Governor of Oregon is just received, having reached Springfield in my absence and been forwarded to me here by mail. I have just written a friend at Springfield to answer you by telegraph that I decline the appointment, which I suppose will reach you long before this will. May I request you to express my gratitude to the President for the repeated evidences of his kindness and confidence?
Your obt. servt, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 93, September 1978, Item 20.

To Thomas Ewing[1]

Hon. T. Ewing, Secretary &C Springfield, Ills.
Dear Sir Oct. 13, 1849

I have just received a letter from a friend at Washington from which the following is an extract. "Again _____ told me that there was a clique in Springfield determined to prevent Butterfield's confirmation; and that Lincoln would give a thousand dollars to have it done—but, says _____, one of the company who meets with them keeps Butterfield *weekly* posted &C."

This annoys me a little. I am unwilling for the administration to believe or suspect such a thing. I write therefore, to assure you that I am neither privy to, nor cognizant of, any such clique and that I most potently disbelieve in the existence of any such. I opposed the appointment of Mr. B. because I believed it would be a matter of discouragement to our active, working friends here, and I opposed it for no other reason. I never did, in any true sense, want the office

myself. Since Mr. B's appointment, having no personal ill-will to him, and believing it to be for the interest of the administration and our cause generally, I have constantly desired his confirmation. I have seen in the newspapers but one matter of complaint against him; and in that (the matter of the Land Warrants) I believe he is right. What I am here saying depends on my word alone; but I think Mr. B. himself, if appealed to, will not say he disbelieves me.
Your obt servt, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, IHi.

To William Martin[1]

Hon.: Wm. Martin Springfield,
Dear Sir: Feb.: 27. 1851.

I suppose you know that one of my suits here is against James A. Barret. He holds 30 shares of the Stocks; and his complaint in them is changing the road away from New-Berlin, near which the principle part of his real estate lies. To-day he has sent in a proposal that if he can be released from 15 shares he will pay up the other 15. Of course I can do no more in this, than to notify the higher powers of it, which I hereby intend doing through you. I have an impression that the board have not the legal authority to release a stockholder in whole or in part, but I have not examined the question particularly. Write concerning this.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN.

[1] ALS, owned by Mary Ann E. Crawford, Chicago, Illinois. See Lincoln to Martin, March 6, 1851, *C.W.*, II, 102-103.

To Joseph Gillespie[1]

Springfield, June 9, 1851

I have been to Ottawa since I wrote you before and have just returned. . . . William Pope says he has sent you the copy of the Bill. I guess it was a mistake about process having been served on the Smiths, though Pope told me so. Van Bergen says it has not been served.

[1] Walter R. Benjamin, *The Collector*, 1981, Whole Number 881, Item 0889. Incomplete printed text described as ALS.

A bill for an act to reduce the limits of the eighth judicial circuit, and to fix the times of courts therein.[1]

[January 1853]

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly, That the counties of Sangamon, Logan, McLean, Woodford, Tazewell, DeWitt, Piatt, Champaign, and Vermillion shall hereafter constitute the eighth judicial circuit.

That the times of holding courts in said circuit shall be as follows, towit:

Spring Term – Sangamon, on the Third Monday of March
Logan, two weeks thereafter
McLean, one week thereafter
Woodford, two weeks thereafter
Tazewell, one week thereafter
DeWitt, two weeks thereafter
Piatt, the friday thereafter
Champaign, the Monday thereafter
Vermillion, the friday thereafter

Summer Term—Sangamon, on the second Monday of June; and there shall be no Grand Jury at said Summer Term.

Fall Term— Logan, on the first monday of September
McLean, one week thereafter
Woodford, two weeks thereafter
Tazewell one week thereafter
DeWitt two weeks thereafter
Piatt, the friday thereafter
Champaign the Monday thereafter
Vermillion, the friday thereafter
Sangamon, on the Third Monday of November.

That all process, and the service, thereof, which have been, or may be hereafter made, in conformity with the terms of the courts as heretofore and now fixed by law, shall be taken and held as conforming to the terms as fixed by this act; and that this act shall be in force from and after it's passage.

[1] AD, IHi. The act passed the Senate January 25, 1853, and the House January 31, 1853, "with a substitute." The title printed here is as it appears on the document.

To Martin Bishop[1]

Springfield Illinois
Friend Bishop November 10th 1853

We have consulted as to the propriety of your accepting the proposition made you by the Central Rail Road through Col. Mason.

We are both decidedly of the opinion that the proposition you made them first will be better for you than the proposition of the Central Rail Road.

This opinion of ours is founded upon the belief that it will be impossible to build up anything like a Town on your farm--that if one were laid out there the only result would be to spoil a good farm and create a nuisance. We also think that under state of feelings existing between yourself and the Rail Road and much of which will in all probability continue to exist that the sooner you sell out and part company with them the better for you.

Had you not better refer them to us to conclude this negotiation for you especially if they begin to make you new proposition.

Write to us soon

Yours &c JOHN T. STUART
A. LINCOLN.

[1] LS, IHi. Letter is in Stuart's hand. The difference of opinion resulted in the case of *Bishop v. Illinois Central Railroad*. Lincoln eventually won the case as a lawyer for the railroad. Mason not further identified.

To E. C. Burton[1]

Springfield May 12, 1854

Please call at our place tomorrow if convenient.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 5368, April 29, 1980, Item 56. Printed text only, described as autographed note signed.

To George Shaw[1]

Geo. W. Shaw, Esq. Springfield
My Dear Sir July 27, 1854

Your letter of the 23rd is received. I have promised to be at Mount Morris, in Ogle Co., on the 11th of August and on the 18th and 19th at other places in that vicinity, so that I could not be at

Pekin on the 20th. Send over and get Judge Kellogg, who, I understand, is to be or already is, your candidate for Congress. He will do it up quite as well as I could. Show this to Judge Bush; and beg him to consider it an answer to his letter as well as yours.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

1 ALS-F, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue, June 1987. The items are unnumbered in this catalogue. This facsimile appears on page 19. Judge John M. Bush was Shaw's fellow citizen at Pekin, Illinois. Judge Kellogg was William Kellogg.

To Jesse Olds Norton[1]

Hon: J. O. Norton Springfield, Feb. 16, 1855

My dear Sir:

I have now been beaten one day over a week; and I am very happy to find myself quite convalescent. Your kind letter of the 20th of Jan'y I did not receive till the day before yesterday—owing, I suppose to our great snow-storm. The day after the election I wrote Washburne the particulars, tolerably fully. Through the untiring efforts of friends, among whom yourself and Washburne were chief, I finally surmounted the difficulty with the extreme Anti-Slavery men, and got all their votes, Lovejoy's included. Cook, Judd, Palmer, and Baker of Alton were the men who *never could* vote for a whig; and without the votes of two of whom I *never could* reach the requisite number to make an election. I do not mean that I actually got within two votes of the required number; but I easily enough could have done so, provided I could have assured my friends that two of the above named four would go for me. In this connection it is necessary to bear in mind that your Senator Osgood, together with Don. Morrison, Kinney & Trapp of St Clair had openly gone over to the enemy. It was Govr Matteson's manoevering that forced upon me and my friends the necessity of surrendering to Trumbull. He made his first successful hit by tampering with Old man Strunk. Strunk was pledged to me, which Matteson knew, but he succeeded in persuading him that I stood no chance of an election, and in getting a pledge from him to go for him as second choice. He next made similar impressions on Hills of DuPage, Parks of your town and Strawn and Day of LaSalle--at least we saw strong signs that he had, and they being old democrats, and I an old whig, I could get no sufficient access to them to sound them to the bottom. That

Matteson assured the Nebraska democrats, he could get their men after they should have made a respectable show by voting a few ballots for other men, I think there is no doubt; and by holding up to their greedy eyes this amount of capital in our ranks, it was, that he induced the Nebraska men to drop Shields and take him *en masse*. The Nebraska men, since Osgood's and Don's defection, had control of the Senate; and they refused to pass the resolution for going into the election till three hours before the joint session was to, and did in fact, commence. One of the Nebraska senators has since told me that they only passed the resolution when they did, upon being privately assured by the Governor that he had it all safe. I have omitted to say that it was well understood Baker would vote for Trumbull, but would go over to Matteson rather than me. Passing over the first eight ballots which you have doubtless seen, when, on the ninth, Matteson had 47--having every Nebraska man, and the Old man Strunk besides, and wanting but three of an election; and when the looser sort of my friends had gone over to Trumbull, and raised him to 35 and reduced me to 15 it struck me that Hills, Parks, Strawn, Day, and Baker, or at least some three of them would go over from Trumbull to Matteson & elect him on the tenth ballot, unless they should be kept on T. by seeing my remaining men coming on to him. I accordingly gave the intimation which my friends acted upon, electing T. that ballot. All were taken by surprise, Trumbull quite as much as any one else.

There was no pre-concert about it--in fact I think a pre-concert to that effect could not have been made. The *heat* of the battle, and *imminent* danger of Matteson's election were indispensably necessary to the result. I know that few, if any, of my remaining 15 men would have gone over from me without my direction; and I gave the direction, simultaneously with forming the resolution to do it.

It is not true, as might appear by the first ballot, that Trumbull had only five friends who preferred him to me. I know the business of all the men tolerably well, and my opinion is, that if the 51 who elected him, were compelled to a naked expression of preference between him and me, he would at the outside, have 16 and I would have the remainder. And this again would depend substantially upon the fact that his 16 came from the old democratic ranks & the remainder from the whigs. Such as preferred him, yet voted for me on the first ballottings and so on the idea that a minority among friends, ought not to stand out against a majority. Lest you might receive a different impression, I wish to say I hold Judge Parks in

very high estimation; believing him to be neither knave or fool, but decidedly the reverse of both. Now, as I have called names so freely, you will of course consider this confidential.

Yours much obliged, &c. A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS owned by Louise and Barry Taper, Los Angeles, California. The transcription was supplied by Thomas F. Schwartz, curator of the Lincoln Collection, Illinois State Historical Library.

To Lyman Trumbull[1]

Hon: L. Trumbull Springfield, June 27. 1856

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 15th was received a few days ago. It would have been easier for us here, I think, had we got McLean; but as it is, I am not without high hopes for the state. I think we shall elect Bissell, at all events—and, if we can get rid of the Filmore ticket, we shall carry the state for Fremont also.

Yesterday the Buchanan State ratification came off here. I do not think it proves much; but it really was a failure. There were not fifty--I think not thirty--persons, from other counties; and of the citizens of Sangamon, there were not more in town than there usually are on saturdays. At night they spoke at the State-House; and they had no greater crowd than could be gathered any night on an hour's notice. Great effort had b[een] ...

from a distance, an[d] ...

from our ranks. Of th ...

got Charley Constable, John Hogan from St. Louis, and no body else. Linder, and Singleton, and Webb, and Don Morrison, all missing. The old democratic speakers were old uncle Jimmy Barret, Moulton of Shelby, Vandeveer of Christian, and McClernand, all told.

Give my respects to Mrs. T. and believe

[1] AL, IHi. The incomplete letter is described in detail by William E. Gienapp, "The Election of 1856: An Unpublished Lincoln Letter," *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* 70 (February 1977): 18-21. Lincoln's signature, verso, was clipped off, resulting in loss of several words on the recto.

To E. Lane[1]

Hon. E. Lane Chicago,
Sir July 25, 1856

A week ago I presented a Bill against the I.C.R.R. Co. to their attorneys here Messrs. Stewart and Douglass. Three days ago, Mr. Douglass told me it had been laid before Executive Committee for their action. I now find that neither Executive Committee nor Mr. Douglass is to be found in the city. I was very anxious for a decision in the premises, but am now under the necessity of leaving for my home in Springfield without getting it. When a decision shall be made, will you please notify me at Springfield?
Respectfully, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, George M. Rinsland Catalogue 58, Item 50B. Lincoln finally had to sue to collect his fee. See *C.W.*, II, 392 for his declaration in the case.

To I. U. Reavis[1]

I. [L.] U. Reavis, Esq. Springfield
Beardstown September 7, 1856
Dear Sir:

I can not now promise to be at Beardstown. I have ten applications to be here. Can comply with one. Sorry for it, but it is so.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Joseph Rubinfine, Catalogue 84, Item 40.

To Jesse A. Pickrell[1]

Jesse A. Pickrell, Esq. Springfield,
My Dear Sir: Sept. 15--1856

Will you please make out and send me, as soon as you can, a list of fifteen or twenty names of good, steady Fillmore men, round about you. Let them be scattered about in the neighborhoods, with the Post-office of each indicated. I want to send letters to them. Please do this quietly, and say nothing about it.
Your friend as ever, A. LINCOLN
P.S. Send to Springfield.

[1] ALS, IU.

To Newton Deming and George P. Strong[1]

Messrs. N. D. & G. P. Strong Springfield,
Gentlemen May 25, 1857

Yours of the 22nd is just received. The admiralty case now stands on appeal to the circuit court and consequently, can only be tried by Judge McLean; and I understand he will remain here only one week, commencing that first Monday of June. Of course, the other side will press for a hearing during that week.

I have just been to see Stuart & Edwards and they suggest that you see the plaintiffs lawyer in St. Louis (I forget his name) and make an arrangement with him as to a day of taking up the case, and notify us.

I do not think any defence has been presented based on the fact of Messrs Page & Bacon[2] having purchased under the Deed of Trust. *Quere.* Does not the Libellants right, attach to the specific *thing*—the cars--regardless of who may own them?

There is no longer any difficult question of *jurisdiction* in the Federal courts; they have jurisdiction in all possible cases except such as might redound to the benefit of a "nigger" in some way.

Seriously, I wish you to prepare, on the question jurisdiction as well as you can; for I fear the later decisions are against us. I understand they have some new Admiralty Books here, but I have not examined them.

Yours truly A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, IHi. Newton D. Strong married Matilda R. Edwards, eldest daughter of Hon. Cyrus Edwards, Alton, Illinois. Strong later moved to St. Louis and set up a law practice.
[2] Daniel D. Page and Henry D. Bacon were bankers and merchants in St. Louis.

To Gustav Koerner[1]

Hon. G. Koerner Springfield,
My Dear Sir: Jany. 19, 1858

This morning Col. McClernand showed me a Petition for a mandamus against the Secretary of State to compel him to certify the apportionment act of last session, and he says it will be presented to the court to-morrow morning. We shall be allowed three or four days to get up a return, and we would like the benefit of consultation

with you, if it is not too inconvenient for you to come up.
Yours as ever, A. LINCOLN.
P.S. I received the note you sent, & got your judgment the other day.
A. L.

1 ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4158, October 3, 1978, Item 146. The court's decision upheld Governor Bissell's right to change his mind and cross his name off the act which he had signed reapportioning the state in favor of the Democrats.

To Joseph Jackson Grimshaw[1]

Hon. J. Grimshaw Springfield,
My Dear Sir: March 27, 1858

Herewith I send you a sketch for an agreement in the case we spoke of. You see I ask you to admit more points for me, than I admit for you; but if you have any more merely labor-saving points (as mine are) admitted, add them, sign the paper & send it to me and I will also sign it. I forget the names of the parties to the suits; but you and I will have no dispute about that. The copy of the Will, I have duly authenticated from Boston, but being a copy, it has no note of it's record in Adams County, though my man says it is recorded there. The death of one Executor can also be proved, but it would cost some labor. Answer soon.
Yours truly, A.. LINCOLN

1 ALS, owned by Ira A. Litman, Memphis, Tennessee. Joseph J. Grimshaw was an attorney in Pittsfield, Illinois.

To Samuel Caldwell[1]

Samuel Caldwell, Esq. Springfield,
My dear Sir May 27--1858

Your letter of the 17th of March, asking an opportunity to study law in my office, I have had a long time. It would afford me pleasure to oblige you; but you perhaps are not aware that I do not keep office in a way that is most suitable for a young man to study law in. I am from home perhaps more than half my time, so that as a preceptor I should be of no value. You will find many better

opportunities, here than in my office.
Very Respectfully A. LINCOLN

1 ALS, owned by Mrs. Woodrow Dunnam of Green Valley, Illinois. Samuel Caldwell was a student at Yale.

House Divided Speech, June 16, 1858
Text Correction[1]

The new year of 1854 found slavery excluded from more than half the States by State Constitutions, and from most of the national territory by congressional prohibition.

Four days later, commenced the struggle, which ended in repealing that congressional prohibition.

This opened all the national territory to slavery; and was the first point gained.

But, so far, *Congress* only, had acted; and an *indorsement* by the people, *real* or *apparent*, was indispensable, to *save* the point already gained, and give chance for more.[2]

1 The above sequence of paragraphs is logically correct, and reproduces the stenographically recorded text given in the Chicago *Daily Tribune*, June 19, 1858. The sequence of paragraphs as printed in the *Illinois State Journal*, which was followed in *The Collected Works* (II, 462), transposed one paragraph in error. Abraham Lincoln proofread this *Journal* text himself, and failed to catch the printer's error of transposition.

2 This is the paragraph transposed to precede the previous three paragraphs on page 462 of Volume II. For a discussion of this error, see Don E. Fehrenbacher, *Lincoln in Text and Context: Collected Essays* (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 1989).

To Gustav Koerner[1]

Hon. G. Koerner Springfield,
My Dear Sir Aug. 6, 1858

Yesterday morning I found a drop letter from Gov. Bissell, saying partly in consequence of a letter from you, that my late speeches, or some of them, shall be printed in pamphlet form both in English and German. Having had a good many letters to the same effect, I went at once to the Journal office here and set them to work to print me in English, fifty dollars worth of my last speech at Springfield (July 17) that appearing, by what I hear to be the most "taking" speech I

have made. For that sum they will furnish about seven thousand; they will at the same time print some more, on their own account, and keep the type standing for a while. I also wrote to Judd yesterday, to get the same speech done up there in German.

Some things are passing strange. Wednesday morning, Douglas' paper here, the Register, went out crowing over the defeat of Blair, at St. Louis; and Blair's paper, the Missouri Democrat, comes back next day, puffing, and encouraging Douglas!

Please write me, on receipt of this, and let me know if you have any recent news from Madison. Every place seems to be coming quite up to my expectation, except Madison.

Your friend, as ever A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue [unnumbered and undated], Item 116.

To Joseph I. Gillespie[1]

Hon.: J. Gillespie Centralia,
My Dear Sir Sept. 16, 1858

Since parting with you I see by the papers that the Americans and Republicans of New-York failed, to form a union, and have nominated seperate tickets. This fact may be seized upon to help prevent a union in Madison Co., and I am more than ever anxious that you should be at home Saturday to do what you can. Please do not fail to go.

The meeting at Jonesborough yesterday was not large; but, in other matters altogether respectable. I will venture to say that our friends were a little better satisfied with the result than our adversaries. You will see particulars in the papers.

Be sure to go home to the meeting on Saturday.

Yours as ever, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, IHi, written on the letterhead of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, Superintendent's Office.

To M. L. Bishop[1]

Springfield, Illinois, November 16, 1858

I do not think the above assignment of the right of the county will ... be valid ... to their claim against you.... Before you can sue,

your assignment should be recorded, but the recording has nothing to do with the suits already brought.

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4267, June 20, 1979, Item 753. Printed text in part only, described as an autograph letter signed, written at the end of a letter from Bishop, who has queried legal points on a patent matter.

To John C. Sanborn[1]

John C. Sanborn Esq. Springfield, Ill.
Dear Sir May 21, 1859

Your note, as Secretary of the Committee of the City of Lawrence, inviting me to deliver an oration on the 4th of July, at that city, is received. Thanking you, and through you, the committee, for the compliment of the invitation, I have to say my engagements will not allow me the pleasure of accepting it.

Yours very Respectfully A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, owned by Mrs. Thomas Roy Spiel, Riverside, California. Sanborn's letter dated May 16, 1859, at Lawrence, Massachusetts, is in the Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress.

To Kersey H. Fell[1]

[July 9?, 1859]

I close, with the within proposal--that is pay $150 now, & Execution staid a year from date of judgement, at which time I have your word that the remainder will be paid. Think I will see you at Bloomington in two or three days. If not I will write again.

Yours as ever A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 71, Item 268. Lincoln's note is described as written on the verso of a letter from Kersey H. Fell, Bloomington, July 8, 1959, proposing to pay a small debt to Lincoln, to which Lincoln agrees.

To Richard Yates[1]

Hon. R. Yates Springfield,
My dear Sir. Sep. 25, 1859

There is a strong desire with *some*—and I rather think *all*--republicans here that you will allow them to run you for Congress in the District this fall. Among those who certainly and anxiously desire it,

are Judge Trumbull and myself. Please write to J. C. Conkling or Milton Hay, at once, and say you will allow it. Do not say no. The reason I do not say write to me is that I may be away.

Yours as ever A. LINCOLN

1 ALS-P, IHi.

To M. L. Perkins[1]

M. L. Perkins, Esq. Springfield,
My Dear Sir Oct. 9, 1859

Reaching home yesterday I found your letter of the 3rd. enclosing your Professional card. You are right in supposing you would be welcome to use my name upon the card as you have. If it be of any value to you, I shall be much gratified. Please present my respects to your Father, Mother & Sister;

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, owned by Lawrence B. Perkins, Evanston, Illinois. Marlin L. Perkins' letter and his professional card are in the Lincoln Papers in the Library of Congress.

To Kersey H. Fell[1]

Springfield, Illinois November 1, 1859

I know not that I shall be at Bloomington soon. I shall be here till Tuesday next; and will be glad to see you.

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5530, Item 57A, printed text in part, described as an ALS.

To John Wentworth[1]

Hon.: John Wentworth Springfield,
Dear Sir: Feb. 9, 1860

Yours of the 7th. was not received till this morning. You seem to mistake, somewhat, the object of my last letter to you. I wished you here for no object but to try to settle the difficulty between you & Judd, which I thought there would be a better chance of doing if I could have you both near me at the same time. I selected the meeting of the Committee because that would bring Judd here at any rate, and would furnish an *outside* reason for your being here; and not because I wished, or expected you to interfere with the

business of the Committee in any way. I repeat, I am anxious to have that difficulty settled, so that both you and he can prove square in the cause and not be expending your strength in fighting one another. In your paper of December 10th you said what ought to almost, if not quite satisfy Judd, if it were said distinctly from everything else, and placed upon the record. I propose the following: you write, sign and place on the files of the court the following—"*I have made no reflections upon Mr. Judd, morally, socially, pecuniarily, professionally, and in no other way, save*" politically; and if I have used language capable of different construction, I have not intended it, and now retract it.

Upon which, Judd, to continue the suit till after the Presidential election, at which time I to dismiss the suit, if, in my judgment, both you and he have, in the mean time, in good faith, let one another alone. I mean you are to let him alone, both in and out of your paper; and that he is to let you alone, both in and out of the Press & Tribune. Let the papers, as such contend with one another on measures of policy as much as they like; but John Wentworth and N. B. Judd to be absolutely let alone in both of them.

Write me what you think of it. I think both you and he ought to do it. I have not time now to say more about a nomination on the National ticket; than that I thank you for your kind suggestions and expressions; and that I will try to write you a letter more fully about it soon.

[1] ALS, ICHi. The signature of the letter has been clipped off, perhaps with some additional sentence at the end of the letter.

To Madam[1]

Madam: Springfield, Ills. March 2, 1860

Herewith you find I have complied with your very moderate request, which, be assured, I have done with great pleasure.

Yours & c A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 123, Item 115.

To James A. Briggs[1]

James A. Briggs, Esq. Exeter N.H.,
My dear Sir: March 4, 1860

MAY 26, 1860

Yours of the 29th ult. covering check for $200. was received here yesterday. Since I left New York I have spoken at Providence R.I. and at Concord, Manchester, Dover, & Exeter, in this state; and I still am to speak at Hartford, Meriden, and New Haven, in Conn. and at Woonsocket in R.I. Then I close, and start for home. I suppose I shall get away from Woonsocket Friday morning and go directly to New York. Much as I appreciate your kindness allow me to beg that you will make no arrangements to detain me. Having overstaid my allotted time so greatly, I must hurry home.

Yours very truly A. LINCOLN

[1]ALS, IHi. *C.W.*, III, 554, provides a partial text of this letter from an auction catalog.

To David Davis[1]

Dear Judge Springfield, May 26, 1860

Herewith I return Mr. Spaulding's letter, as you request. He wrote me very encouraging news from Buffalo. Before receiving this which I now return, I had written the sketch or draft you wish, and mailed it to you. I suppose you received it. T. W.[2] asked nothing of me at all. He merely seemed to desire a chance of looking at me, keeping up a show of talk while he was at it. I believe he went away satisfied: of which, however, Swett, who was present all the while, can judge better than I.

Yours as ever A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, IHi. This letter appears to be in reply to the judge's letter of May 24, 1860. See *C.W.*, *Supp.*, 54-55.

[2] The initials refer to Thurlow Weed.

To Dr. M. Langenschwartz[1]

Dr. M. Langenschwartz Springfield, Ills.

Dear Sir May 28, 1860

Yours of the 21st was duely received. You refer to Hon. Wm H. Seward; and if it be your pleasure to call on me with a letter of introduction from him, I shall be happy to see, and converse with you at any time.

Very respectfully A. LINCOLN

1 ALS, IHi. Probably Colonel May Langenschwartz of New York City. See letter of October 22, 1864, in Abraham Lincoln Papers, Library of Congress.

To David L. Phillips[1]

D. L. Phillips, Esq. Springfield,
My Dear Sir July 2, 1860
Yours of the 27th was received yesterday. Herewith is a general letter of introduction, such, I hope, as meets your view.
Just now the skies look bright. What clouds may hereafter rise, we know not.
Yours as ever, A. LINCOLN

1 ALS-F, The Rendells Catalogue 167, Item 46. See *C.W.*, IV, 81, for the letter that was enclosed.

To John Hickman[1]

Springfield, Ills., July 29, 1860

I have just received and read the speech you sent me which you delivered recently at Philadelphia. It is indeed an excellent one….

1 Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3621, April 9, 1974, Item 216. A partial printed text.

To Harriet W. Chase[1]

Private Springfield, Ills.
My dear madam Aug. 29, 1860
Your very kind letter of the 23rd. came duly to hand. I esteem Mr. Clay[2] very highly, and also appreciate your very generous and unsolicited appeal for him; still I have deemed it due to our common cause, that I should, at this stage, keep myself perfectly uncommitted, in all cases of this sort. Could you be placed in my position, you would at once perceive the necessity of this.
Yours very truly, A. LINCOLN

1 ALS, owned by Rich Proctor, Seattle, Washington. The envelope accompanying this letter is addressed to Mrs. Chase at Rushville, Indiana.
2 Undoubtedly Cassius Marcellus Clay.

To C. H. Fisher[1]

Springfield October 29, 1860

Your second note, enclosing the supposed speech of Mr. Dallas to Sara Brougham, was duly received.... Both the speech and the book seem to be well written, and they contain many things with which I could agree, and some with which I could not. To point out the latter would be to enter upon a discussion, which it is my purpose to avoid. . .

[A. LINCOLN]

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4748E, December 4, 1981, Item 1218. This incomplete printed text apparently refers to a book by George Mifflin Dallas.

To Samuel B. Burwell[1]

Samuel B. Burwell, Esq. Springfield, Ills.
Dear Sir Dec. 10, 1860

At the request of Mrs. Lincoln, I answer your letter to her of Nov. 15th, by saying that her Christian name is "Mary."

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, IHi. This letter is accompanied by Lincoln's addressed envelope to Burwell at Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

To Caleb B. Smith[1]

Mr. McBlair, for Com. of Pub. Buildings. Ex-mayor McGruder says the named within are all genuine, and mostly the best men.
[1861]

[1] AE, DNA RG48, written on a petition of 54 citizens of Washington recommending I. Hollins McBlair. Neither Lincoln's endorsement nor the petition is dated. The endorsement is not signed.

To Caleb B. Smith[1]

James M. Edmons, App. for Indian Bureau.
[January 1861?]

[1] AE, DNA RG48, on a letter signed by Senator Chandler and others recommending James M. Edmons of Michigan.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Will Gov. Chase please call and see me at once?
[February 1861?] LINCOLN

1 Charles Hamilton Catalogue 105, Item 151. Undated but probably written just prior to the appointment of Chase as Secretary of the Treasury in 1861. This is a printed text, described as ANS.

To William H. Seward[1]

Executive Mansion
March 10, 1861

Will the Hon. Sec. of State please call and see me at once? I shall detain him but a few moments. A. LINCOLN

1 ALS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 255.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Hon. Sec. of Navy Washington, April 4, 1861

Please send up papers (commission I believe) for Samuel Bell as Navy Agent at San Francisco.

A. LINCOLN

1 Sotheby's Catalogue 5315, May 1, 1985, Item 30.

To Simon Cameron[1]

I think the within paper entitles Mr. Terrell to be a Paymaster of Volunteers for Indiana.
April 7, 1861 A. LINCOLN

1 Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 527, Item 76. Printed text only. Charles M. Terrell received the appointment.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Hon. Sec. of Navy Executive Mansion
Dear Sir April 11, 1861

Commodore Smith te[lls] me he wishes James Davis [to be] [appoi]nted a Pay Master in the Navy; and if it shall do n[o]

injustice to the service; nor any individual, I would [like] Commodore Smith to be oblig[ed.]
[Your obt] servt A. [LINCOLN]

[1] ALS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 75, Item 242. The original shown is badly damaged. [Melancthon?] Smith.

To Messrs. Willards[1]

Messrs. Willards Executive Mansion
Gents. April 19, 1861
I am annoyed to know that my Bill at your house has not been paid. Receipt it & hand it to Mr. Nicolay & he will give a check for the amount.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 9A, Item 165.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Washington, April 30, 1861
Let Mr. Cumback be appointed a Paymaster, when it can be done without violation of previous promises or committals.
A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4058, December 6, 1977, Item 357. Described as an autograph endorsement signed on the verso of a letter to Lincoln from Governor Oliver P. Morton of Indiana recommending Will Cumback.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Hon. Sec. of Treasury Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir May 4, 1861.
This introduces Mr. George M. Weston, whose name you may remember as that of the editor of the Republic, the first Republican paper established here, I believe.
Will you please give him a few moments of your valuable time.
Yours very truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 105, Item 152.

Endorsement[1]

Have the men mentioned within made their appearance yet? And has anything been done for them?
May 6, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 169, Item 118. Endorsement has been removed from the file and no identification is made of the men.

To Simon Cameron[1]

The regiment named within I have no doubt will be a most valuable one, and I think it will be more than prudent--good policy--to take it.
May 11, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 187, Item 178. No clue as to the file from which this endorsement has been clipped.

To Simon Cameron[1]

The appointments indicated within, may be made, if agreeable to the Sec. of War.
May 24, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 137, Item 100. Endorsement has been clipped from its attendant documents.

To Simon Cameron[1]

The Secretary of War remembers that I wish Dr. William S. Wallace to have the first vacancy of a Pay-Master.

After that, Mr. Gould, named within, seems to have a fair claim to consideration.
[Docketed date May 10, 1861] A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA WR RG107, on verso of letter signed by 68 citizens of Indianapolis, Indiana, representing William P. Gould for a paymastership.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Edwin S. McCook, is excellently well recommended within for a Lieutenancy in the Regular Army, and I hope it can, without injustice to others, be given him.
June 1, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 261.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Gen. Cooper is desirous of having the Regiment named within, annexed to his command. The testimonials, are very ample. Can it not be done?
June 10, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-P, IHi. The original is owned by Stephen H. Clark, Dearborn, Michigan. General Cooper is identified as James Cooper, who was authorized by the War Department to raise and organize a regiment of infantry in Maryland and was commissioned a brigadier general May 17, 1861.

Introduction for H. W. Marshal[1]

Executive Mansion,
June 16, 1861.

The bearer of this is entirely trust-worthy & my particular friend H. W. Marshal.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 85, Item 250.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Can not this young man be made a second Lieutenant? I hope it can be done.
June 18, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F. Charles Hamilton Catalogue 123, Item 116. This is written on a letter signed by three Army officers recommending the appointment of Frank C. Goodrich as a commissioned officer. Goodrich was appointed and later cashiered for misconduct in battle on June 27, 1862, and reappointed December 23, 1862.

To Simon Cameron[1]

If there still be any vacancy of Lieutenants in the Regular Army, I wish one of them given to Edwin M. Coates, named within. He was one of Col. Ellsworth's nearest friends and is a good drill officer.

June 25, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 8, Item 41, printed text.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War.

July 3, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5447, April 23, 1986, Item 103. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement on a letter to the president dated July 2 from James N. Muller of Baltimore, Supervising Inspector of Steamboats for the Third District, recommending the Reverend Dr. Andrew Schwarts, a Protestant German minister and physician, for a chaplaincy in the Army.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Executive Mansion,
July 5, 1861.

The bearer of this, Dr. William M. Reynolds, of the Lutheran Church, and now of Ills., says he had some acquaintance with you in Ohio, some years ago, while he was President of the University at Columbus. He is a most worthy gentleman; and has a son, for whom he would be pleased to obtain a clerkship. Please oblige him, if you can.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 105, Item 144. Printed text, described as ALS.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Executive Mansion
July 15, 1861.

On Saturday I sent you a note asking that a nomination might be sent to me for Rufus F. Andrews, as Surveyor of the Port of New

York. Thinking the note has been missent, or mislaid, I now send this asking that the nomination may be sent me....

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 105, Item 153. Printed text, described as an ALS.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Hon. Sec. of Treasury — Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir: — July 15, 1861

The two Michigan Senators press me to appoint Arthur Edwards Supervising Inspector of Steamboats in the 8th District. The office is kept at Detroit, in their State; and unless you know of some reason to the contrary, which is not known to me, let the appointment be made, at once.

Yours truly, — A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 103, Item 137.

To Simon Cameron[1]

I personally know Mr. Webster to be a business man, and of good moral character.

July 18, 1861 — A. L.

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4652E, June 22, 1981, Item 218. Printed text described as AES on a letter of Francis Webster asking for the office of paymaster in the Army.

To Simon Cameron[1]

I intend that Gen. Prentiss shall be one of the Brigadier Generals of Volunteers, in Illinois.

July 25, 1861 — A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi. Endorsement written on the verso of a telegram from Cairo, Illinois, July 21, 1861, to Senator Orville H. Browning from Brigadier General Benjamin M. Prentiss calling attention to the fact that his temporary appointment would cease in four days. Secretary Cameron signed "Approved."

To Any Department[1]

Respectfully referred to any head of a department, asking for the applicant a respectful consideration.
July 29, 1861. A. L.

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of letter of Representative W. P. Cutler recommending D. J. Evans of Zanesville, Ohio, July 27, 1861, for a clerkship. Lodged finally with the War Department.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir: July 30, 1861

In addition to those named in my note of yesterday, please send me nominations, as Brigadier Generals of Volunteers, for Ulysses S. Grant, John A. McClernand, and Benjamin M. Prentiss, of Illinois; B F. Kelly, and Frederick W. Lander, of Virginia; Joseph Hooker of California; Edward D. Baker, of Oregon; _____ ~~Siegle~~ of Missouri, ~~Rufus King~~ of Wisconsin, and Thomas W. Sherman, of the regular Army. You perceive I have only the initials of Kelly and Lander and no part of the Christian names for Hooker & ~~Siegle~~. Please fill them in so far as you have the means, and leave spaces for me to find the rest, which I shall try to do.

And be sure to have the nominations reach me in time to be sent to the Senate to-day.
Yours very truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 96, Item 171. The names are filled in by another hand, as given, except for Franz Sigel, whose name was misspelled, and both his name and that of Rufus King were stricken out.

To William Mechlin[1]

Sir, Washington August 1, 1861

You are hereby appointed Second Auditor of the Treasury *ad interim*, vice, F. J. Fuller, resigned.
William Mechlin, Esq. ABRAHAM LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 45, Item 131. This is partly a printed text and partly from an LS-F.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Executive Mansion
Hon. Sec. of War: August 1. 1861

Let nominations be made out for David Hunter, Don Carlos Buell, James Oakes, William T. Sherman, Charles S. Hamilton, as Brigadier Generals of volunteers.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 24, Item 243. Added, but not in Lincoln's hand, numbers *1* in front of Hunter, *3* in front of Buell, *4* in front of Oakes, *2* in front of Sherman, and *5* in front of Hamilton. The name Hamilton also does not appear to be penned in Lincoln's hand. At the time Lincoln wrote this letter, Sherman was a colonel who had commanded a brigade at the first Battle of Bull Run.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Let Mr. Roper be appointed as within recommended by Gen. Grant.

August 20, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 88, Item 91. Heitman lists George Stevens Roper, appointed captain on September 9, 1861.

To Thomas A. Scott[1]

Will Asst. Sec. of War please give these poor people a pass on the R.R. as far as he can?

Aug. 21, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, James Lowe Catalogue 10, Item 64. Scott had been appointed Assistant Secretary of War on August 3, 1861. He was a railroad executive on the Pennsylvania Railroad who worked closely with Cameron and Lincoln in expanding railroad facilities.

To Winfield Scott[1]

Mr. Kidder presses his belief that Major Belger does great harm in Baltimore by making purchases of, and employing, secessionists almost exclusively. If this be true, it ought to be corrected.

[August 23?, 1861] A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Joseph M. Maddalena Catalog 8, p. 12, endorsement on a letter dated August 23, 1861, from Maryland Governor Thomas Hicks to Lieutenant General Winfield Scott, introducing Mr. C. Kidder, "… Mr. Belger of whom he will speak is I doubt not a Secessionist at Heart...."

To Simon Cameron[1]

Washington, August 26, 1861

. . . additional or voluntary Paymasters. There is to be one of them for every two regiments of volunteers. As yet there are less than one hundred and ten of them appointed . . . and not one of them is taken from Kentucky. Now I have three Kentucky names which impress me very much--Charles L. Thomason, Philip Speed, and William E. Culver. Please let each of them be appointed additional paymaster, if possible--or, if this be impossible, let the latter Mr. Culver be a Paymaster, and the two former, Thomason & Speed be, one Assistant Qr Mr. & the other a Com. of Sub.

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5447, April 23, 1986, Item 85. Incomplete printed text.

To Joshua F. Speed[1]

Joshua F. Speed [September, 1861]
Cincinnati, O.

Tell Gen. Anderson & Gen. Sherman, who know our means, to make their requisitions upon us. We will do our best to comply with them.

[In another hand] A. LINCOLN

25 CHG State Depart.

[1] ALS-P, DLC. This is written on United States Military Telegraph stationery.

To Simon Cameron[1]

If there is any vacant place of Regimental Quarter-master or Commissary, which can fairly be changed to California, do let Mr. Samuel Gamage have it.

Sept. 4, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Joseph R. Sakmyster Catalogue 5, Item 99. Printed text described as AES on verso of a letter addressed to the Secretary of War dated August 17, asking for two Californians, Samuel Gamage and Charles Saunders, to serve as paymasters of Volunteers of Californians.

To Simon Cameron[1]

I ask a respectful consideration of Mr. Webb's case.

Sept. 4, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 50, Item 17. Printed text described as AES on an envelope addressed to Lincoln from W. B. Webb asking for a position as additional paymaster.

To Simon Cameron[1]

I do not precisely know what is desired by Col. Alexander; but I would like for Mr. Guthrie, Ex Sec. of Treasury, who wants this, to be obliged.

Sept. 4, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 155, Item 91. Printed text, described as ANS, attached to a letter of James Guthrey [Guthrie] extolling the services of Colonel E. B. Alexander at Fort Laramie, who became chief mustering and disbursing officer for Missouri, obtaining a brevet as brigadier general on March 13, 1865.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Can John B. DuBois, in the regular Army, be transferred, as within requested?

Sep. 9, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 1985, Item 377. This endorsement has been clipped from the verso of a letter, and nothing further can be determined about the contents.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Mr. Tallman is a worthy young man of a good family in Wisconsin & therefore I respectfully submit his case....
September 13, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3841, Item 264. Incomplete printed text described as autograph endorsement written on a letter of E. D. Tallman requesting nomination as paymaster in the Army.

To Simon Cameron[1]

September 13, 1861

Sec. of War, please see the bearer, Mr. Rawlings.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Danas Howe Catalogue 07-82, 1978, Dallas, Texas. A printed text. Rawlings was possibly F. M. Rawlings, an Illinois Democrat.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Hon. Sec. of Treasury Executive Mansion
Dear Sir: Sep. 14, 1861

Mr. Thomas Alsop is my personal acquaintance of near twenty years standing, and one of the truest men I ever knew. He is needy now; and if you can at once, or in a reasonable time, find a clerkship for him, I shall be greatly obliged to you.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 103, Item 136.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Respectfully submitted to War Department.
Sept. 16, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 143, Item 110. On a letter of Edward Wallace, Naval Office, Philadelphia, September 7, 1861, urging the recall from retirement of Brigadier General William H. Keim, who was recalled to active service later this year.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Hon. Sec. of Treasury Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir Sept. 16, 1861.

The bearer of this--Mrs. Ryder--has learned that there is some "*lady's work*" in your Department in connection with the Treasury notes, and wishes a chance for a share of it, if such be the fact. Please give her a fair hearing.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 105, Item 145.

To John A. Dahlgren[1]

Capt. Dahlgren Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir Sep. 18. 1861

If you can find time, please examine Mr. John McAloney's model of a Chain-shot, and report on it.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Goodspeed's *The Flying Quill*, May 15, 1976, Item 110.

To Paymaster General[1]

Paymaster General Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir: Sep. 26, 1861

I have a dispatch from Springfield, Illinois, saying: "Mulligan's Brigade is on our hands, and no money to purchase a ration. We apply for money and obtain no answer. William Thomas"

Will you please attend to this.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 185. William Thomas was the Army's auditor for the state of Illinois.

To Simon Cameron[1]

If Genl Hooker can be obliged, consistently with public interest, let it be done.

September 27, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 186. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on integral blank of letter signed by

John P. Hale, E. H. Rollins, and Gilman Marston of the New Hampshire delegation in Congress asking quartermaster appointment for John S. Godfrey.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Dept.
Sept. 28, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 47, Item 337. Described as an autograph note on a letter from John W. Sibell dated September 23, 1861, who "not having received the lieutenant's commission which he says Lincoln had previously encouraged him to seek now asks for a position as paymaster."

Endorsement Concerning George M. Gray--P. M. or Q. M.[1]

No vacancy now.
Oct. 7, 1861

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of letter of Governor Richard Yates of Illinois recommending George M. Gray.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Sec. of War, please see Col. Bassett and see if you cannot agree with him about taking his Cavalry Regt. to Kansas & the Indian frontier.
Oct. 10, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Diana Rendell Catalogue 4, Item 54. At this date, S. Bassett is listed in Heitman, Vol. I, only as "Corpl DI Ill Cav 15 July 1861 to 5 Apr 1862; 2 lt 2 Kans batty 15 May 1862." But in Vol II Owen A. Bassett is listed as "Lt Col 2 Kans Cav," with no date.

To Thomas A. Scott[1]

I really wish Gen. McClernand could be obliged by having sent to him James H. Wilson, now a 2nd lieutenant in the Army. Gen. M. is very energetic, but he does need one such man.
Oct. 11, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet (Los Angeles) Catalogue 183, Item 410, described as on verso of military telegram from General John A. McClernand at Cairo, Illinois,

October 10, asking that Lieutenant J. H. Wilson be transferred to his command. Thomas A. Scott, Acting Secretary of War, refers the message to the Adjutant General October 12. An Assistant Adjutant General responds October 12 saying that General Sherman should have priority in having this man.

To Montgomery Meigs[1]

Quarter Master General please see Col. Hill of Iowa.
Oct. 11, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 119, Item 147. Heitman lists Sylvester G. Hill "Col 35 Iowa inf 18 Sept 1862."

To William H. Seward[1]

October 29, 1861

Sec. of State, please see this lady. She wishes the bond may be several & not joint. I think it might be so.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 270. This communication is written on a small card attached to a letter from Cecilia Williams, wife of John Williams of Baltimore and Norfolk, Virginia, who was arrested as a rebel spy in Boston and imprisoned at Fort La Fayette in New York Harbor, where he remained after refusing to take the oath of allegiance.

To Lorenzo Thomas[1]

Adjut. Genl. Thomas: Executive Mansion
Sir: Washington, November 7, 1861

Capt. Gurden Chapin, who was dismissed from the Army on the discovery of a letter written by him promising his father to resign and join the South, at a certain time and place, presents himself, and asks to be re-instated. He asks this, because he did not resign at the time promised, having already determined to not do so; and has since done good service, and been under fire on one occasion.

My view of all this class of cases is

First. We need all the educated military talent we can get.

Second. It [is] our interest to have as little of it as possible go to the enemy.

Third. That officers (and especially young ones, as Capt. Chapin is) who have been dismissed, even on good cause *prima facie*, and

who still cling to us, protest their loyalty and refuse to take service under the enemy, as a general rule may safely be trusted. Examine his case, & if you are willing for him to be restored, so am I.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, Item 119. Chapin was restored to service and served in the Southwest, receiving a brevet majorship for his gallantry at the battle of Peralta, New Mexico.

To Frederick E. Hayes[1]

Frederick E. Hayes
Philadelphia, Penn.

Executive Mansion
Washington, November 7, 1861

Mary Lincoln is the name you desire.

A. LINCOLN

The President wishes the above dispatch sent to its address.

JOHN HAY

[1] A photocopy of this document is in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.

To Edward Bates[1]

Hon.: Attorney General:
My Dear Sir

Executive Mansion
November 11, 1861

This introduces Judge H. V. Willson, of the Northern District of Ohio, who wishes to consult about treason cases. I know you will, without my asking, be glad to see him, and give him a full hearing.

Yours very truly,

A. LINCOLN

[1]ALS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 272.

To Mrs. E. Oakes Smith[1]

Executive Mansion
Washington, November 14, 1861

Allow me cordially to thank you for the strikingly beautiful and original poem received from you this morning.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 25, Item 53. Printed text described as an LS. Elizabeth Oakes Smith was the wife of journalist Seba Smith.

Shoes and Boots[1]

Shoes & Boots, all right:
Nov. 27, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Dorris Harris Catalogue 28, Item 61. This endorsement has been clipped from a letter to Gideon Welles.

To Simon Cameron[1]

The condition is now performed upon which Jeremiah T. Boyle of Ky. asks to be made a Brig. Genl. Wm. Holloway, also is entitled to be appointed a Commissary, to serve with Boyle's Brigade.
November 30, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 120. This is described as an autograph endorsement signed, November 30, 1861, on the verso of the integral blank of a letter from William Holloway to Joshua Speed in Washington, from Richmond, Kentucky, November 26, 1861, with a note from Speed at the foot of Holliway's letter "William Holliway is a good man and aided Boyle in getting his brigade and was promised a place if the brigade should be raised. It has been done & Boyle is now entitled to his commission."

To Simon Cameron[1]

Hon. Sec. of War. Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir: Dec. 13, 1861.

John N. King, raised in the county of my residence, while yet a boy, served in the Mexican War; and, on his return, was selected by me, then in Congress, to send to West-Point, in which I was frustrated by his then having become just a few days too old. He has since been much on government service, in the far West, on surveys and like, generally with troops, though never as an officer or soldier of the regular Army. He now wishes to be a first Lieut, and I feel a more than ordinary interest for him. Some three weeks ago I wrote a note for him which he tells me can not now be found. Please find him a place if you can.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1]ALS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 121. There is no record in the registers of the army that King received his commission.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department with the remark that the writer is a very highly valued friend of mine.
Dec. 14, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, The Rendells Catalogue 162, Item 71. Endorsement appears on a letter from Sylas W. Robbins of Springfield, Illinois, asking for a second lieutenant's commission in the regular Army for William Willett Tracy.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department.
Dec. 23, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of recommendation signed by five representatives in Congress from Wisconsin asking the appointment of Moses I. Gibson. He was appointed and confirmed by the Senate on June 30, 1862.

To Ambrose E. Burnside[1]

Brig. Genl. Burnside. Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir: Washington, D.C., December 26, 1861

It is of great importance you should move as soon as possible. Are you ready? Gen. McClellan (who is sick) tells me you are. Is he or not mistaken? Is Goldsborough ready? If you both are, be off at once. If not, get ready, and be off. Consumption of time is killing us. Please answer by return mail.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue, February 27-28, 1974, Item 381. Captain Louis M. Goldsborough was commander of the naval fleet moving Burnside's force against Roanoke Island.

To Simon Cameron[1]

George H. Penfield, Esq. Washington, D.C., Aug. 15, 1861
My Dear Sir

I understand you are furnishing the U.S. Government by contract with ordnance and cavalry arms. If you will, by contract with Hon. P. B. Fowkes, furnish him two battery of ordnance, and arms for one cavalry Regiment, such as he chooses to contract for, of the

same quality the government purchase of you, and shall not let it interfere with the performance of your existing contract with the government, you will be paid for the same by the government, the same price it is now paying for similar articles.

A. LINCOLN

The foregoing is the copy of a letter I wrote on the day of its date and I now wish the officers of the government to settle and pay Mr. Penfield according to the terms of the letter, and his performance of the conditions stated.

Dec. 31, 1861 A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 30, Items 409 and 410.

To Simon Cameron[1]

Will the Secretary of War please have this claim investigated and if found just and lawful have it paid.

January 2, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Leslie Hindman Catalogue, November 2, 1985, Item 33. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on verso of autograph letter of G. A. Seidel, "late of the Lincoln Guard Regiment."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let the prayer of this petition be granted at once unless there be some reason to the contrary not known to me.

January 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Dorris Harris Catalogue 20, Item 65, printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter or petition from several Kentucky congressmen requesting that Brigadier Charles Ferguson Smith be relieved from duty at Paducah. See Lincoln to Stanton, *C.W.*, V, 142.

To Caleb B. Smith[1]

If this can consistently be done, let it be done.

Jan. 13, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG48. The endorsement is written on a letter from Senator James Harlan recommending the appointment of Judge C. Snow of Belmore, Park County, Indiana, to the agency for the Seminole Indians.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

These are excellent recommendations, and I submit them to the War Department, asking respectful consideration for them.
Jan. 16, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F. The Rendells Catalogue 159, Item 86, on the verso of a letter addressed to Stanton by Orville H. Browning, testifying to the character and fitness of one William C. Woodson of Kentucky, who seeks an appointment as paymaster.

To William A. Richardson[1]

Hon. W. A. Richardson Executive Mansion
My dear Sir Jan. 18. 1862

Yesterday Dr. Macon thrust the accompanying letter in my hand when I was trying to get forward into the War Department. I took it, I fear with some unbecoming impatience & left him, which I regretted afterwards. I return it to you in order that he may get it & come to me again if he chooses. I will give him a card to see the Sec. of State, who manages that class of cases; without, however, much expecting he will get the pass. Yet I do not believe the children will lose the land.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, DLC. The letter and "Dr. Macon" have not been identified.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I sincerely wish Major Wallen could be relieved from going to New Mexico.
January 20, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] *Lincoln Lore*, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 1976, No. 1664, p. 2. Printed text, presented as an autograph endorsement written on a letter from C. A. Wicliff of Kentucky, January 9, 1861, so dated but actually 1862, recommending that Major Henry D. Wallen should be promoted and pointing out that he is one of few southern men remaining faithful in the United States Army. *Lincoln Lore* gives an extended account of Wallen's career.

To Gustavus Vasa Fox[1]

Has Mr. Fox learned yet whether the mortars have left Pittsburgh for Cairo?
Jan. 22, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Swann Galleries Catalogue 1339, p. 31, printed text.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the Sec. of War, asking special attention to the fact that, the applicant is a loyal Georgian, who entered our service soon after the trouble began.
Jan. 23, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, DNA RG107. This endorsement is on a letter recommending Captain S. Barnard.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

These are most ample recommendations; and I shall be pleased with the appointment of the applicant when it can be consistently made.
January 25, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 122. Printed text only, described as autograph endorsement signed on a letter from Congressman John J. Crittenden and other congressmen from Kentucky requesting appointment of George P. Webster of Newport, Kentucky, as brigade quartermaster.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Washington Jan. 27, 1862
Respectfully submitted to the War Department, with the remark that, while I know not if there be a vacant Majority, I shall be quite willing the applicant within recommended shall have it, especially as it is said Missouri has had no appointments in the new Regular Army.
A. LINCOLN

[1] *Lincoln Lore*, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 1976, No. 1664, p. 2. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement written on a letter from Governor H. R.

Gamble of Missouri stating, "I have a personal acquaintance with Major Thomas E. Noell." Governor Gamble's endorsement is on a letter signed by the Missouri representatives in Congress dated January 9, 1862, recommending that Major Thomas E. Noell be appointed as a major. Thomas E. Noell was appointed on April 1, 1862, a captain in the 19th Infantry, U.S. Army. *Lincoln Lore* gives an extended account.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

The within are very excellent and ample recommendations; and I should be very glad for Mr. Brown to be appointed as Pay Master so soon as it can be done consistently.

Jan. 27, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on a recommendation of J. Edward Pierpont of New York and others that George T. Brown be appointed paymaster.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir: Washington, January 27, 1862.

The young man--bearer of this--by notes of mine he will show you, it will appear, I have felt some interest in for some time. He fails to get a place in the Army, and now desires a clerkship. I shall be really obliged if you can find one for him.

Yours truly A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, DNA RG107. Arthur J. Carrier was the bearer of the letter. The only action noted reads "Filed."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let the appointments be made as within recommended.

Feb. 8, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on the verso of letter from Senators James Harlan and James W. Grimes of Iowa, designating Reverend E. C. Byans, Thomas French, Reverend A. J. Kynette as allotment commissioners for Iowa.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Unless there be some objection not known to me, let Gen. Wool be obliged by the appointment within requested by him.
Feb. 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, James Lowe Catalogue 31, Item 89. The endorsement is written on a letter from Major General John E. Wool to Edwin M. Stanton requesting that the president appoint Captain William D. Whipple assistant adjutant and aide-de-camp with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Whipple received the promotion requested.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department.
Feb. 26, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, The Rendells Catalogue 158, Item 49, endorsement on the verso of a letter in which the appointment of William McCandlass to a captaincy in the army is asked.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion
February 27, 1862
I have a peculiar reason for wishing the bearer, Charles A. Gaubert,[2] appointed a Brigade Quartermaster. Please have it done at once if possible.
A. LINCOLN

[1] Christies' Catalogue 6308, December 19, 1986, Item 118. Printed text described as autograph note signed. Stanton's signed endorsement reads, "The Adjutant General will do as directed by the President."
[2] The middle initial should be *H* not *A*. See Lincoln to Stanton, March 11, *infra*.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department. I personally know Mr. Parsons to be a good man, and if it be known that Gen. Halleck wishes his appointment, let it be made.
March 3, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 72, Item 171, described as on an envelope addressed to the president. Probably refers to Lewis B. Parsons, who was appointed colonel and promoted to brigadier general May 11, 1865.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Gen. Richardson should be obliged in this matter, if possible. I will thank the Sec. of War, if he will find a way to do it.
March 6, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Paul C. Richards Catalogue 83, Item 99, printed text. The endorsement is described as being on a letter from Senator Lyman Trumbull and accompanied by a letter from Brigadier General J. B. Richardson to Senator Trumbull, writing from his own brigade headquarters a letter introducing his cousin from Alton, Illinois, for whom he had obtained a commission, but who had been unable to collect his pay.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department.
March 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of letter from D. A. Cheever, February 28, 1862. Also signed by others recommending Samuel I. Brinstead, M.D., for appointment "in the Medical Dept. of Army or Navy."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If the appointment has been made out & sent to the Sec. of War, as within stated; I would be obliged if he will sign it and send it over.
March 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 276, written on the back of an ALS of Charles H. Gaubert, addressed to His Excellency, A. Lincoln.

To Hiram Barney[1]

Hon. Hiram Barney Washington, March 15, 1862
My Dearest Sir:

Mr. James S. Chalker of Hartford, Conn. is, as I understand, an applicant for a Weigher in the new N.Y. Custom-House, and I am

induced by reliable representations of his merits, to wish that he may receive the appointment.

Yours very truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 188.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

To-day, March 18, 1862, Major Joseph H. Whittlesey, now commanding 5th Cavalry, calls & wishes to be a Brig. Gen, of Vols. or, what he prefers, a brevet-colonelcy in his own Regiment. If made a General, he wishes to go with Gen. Shields.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 277.

To Edwin M. Stanton [1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department.

March 20, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5021, Item 147, on a letter from Thomas Corwin enclosing a letter from Major A. H. Gillespie, recounting his military service in California at the outbreak of the Mexican War.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let this Brigade be armed, and assigned to Gen. John M. Palmer, unless Gen. Halleck knows some reason why it should not be so assigned.

March 22, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, PHi, F. J. Dreer Collection. This endorsement is described in Joseph George, Jr., "Lincoln Family Documents in the F. J. Dreer Collection," *Illinois Historical Journal* 79 (Summer 1986): 139-142.

To William P. Dole[1]

If there is any Indian Agency vacant, and unpromised, which the bearer of this, Mr. James H. Griffiter, will take, let him have it.

March 22, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, owned by Mrs. J. H. Douglas, St. Louis, Missouri.

Memorandum[1]

March 26, 1862

The handwriting on this scrap is that of Col. Ellsworth, who fell at Alexandria, Va. last May.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS, PHi, F. J. Dreer Collection. This memorandum is written on a note by Ellsworth. Both items are fully examined in Joseph George, Jr., "Lincoln Family Documents in the F. J. Dreer Collection," *Illinois Historical Journal* 79 (Summer 1986): 139-142.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War
Sir:

Executive Mansion
March 28, 1862

Send me a nomination for George Cadwalader as a Major General of Volunteers.

Yours truly,

A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 45, Item 124. Cadwalader was promoted to major general on April 25, 1862.

To William H. Seward[1]

Sec. of State please see this lady a moment.

April 3, 1862

A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS, owned by Henry S. Shields, Hagerstown, Maryland.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War
Sir:

Executive Mansion,
Washington, April 5, 1862.

Let Henry Prince of the Regular Army, be appointed a Brigadier General of Volunteers. This is one of the earliest of the recommendations by the Maine delegation; & I thought the appointment was made long ago.

Yours truly,

A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 124. Prince was commissioned brigadier general of volunteers on May 28.

To Miss A. Lizzie Whipple[1]

Washington, DC.
Miss Lizzie A. Whipple, April 8, 1862

Below are our autographs, according the request brought by your very kind letter.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

MARY LINCOLN April 8th, 1862

[1] ALS-F, Christie, Manson & Woods International Catalogue, Doheny V, February 21 and 22, 1989, Item 2110. Lincoln's innumerable replies to requests for an autograph are customarily excluded, but this one seemed exceptional.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I do not sign the within. I do not know but the Secretary sees some impropriety in it; but if he does not, I would be glad for the gentleman named to be obliged.

April 9, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-P, IHi. The endorsement by Lincoln appears on a document addressed to Edwin M. Stanton. "Give Gilbert & Sweney one shipment for the army & navy. April 3, 1862, Washington, D.C."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I authorize the Secretary of War to appoint Capt. R. F. Hunter, as I am within requested to do by Hon. V. B. Horton.

April 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, James Lowe Catalogue 36, Item 70, on a letter of Representative V. B. Horton asking for the appointment of R. F. Hunter to the first vacancy that occurs in his grade of service. Secretary Stanton endorsed referring the president's request to Adjutant General Lorenzo Thomas, who noted, "There being no vacancy of captain within Army, to which Mr. Hunter could be *appointed*, a compliance with the request is *impossible*."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let this appointment be made, if Quarter-Master General thinks it proper; otherwise not.
April 14, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 96, Item 177. The endorsement is on the verso of a letter from J. W. Shaffer, Colonel and Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the South, dated April 5, 1862, and is endorsed also by Quartermaster General Meigs.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If the within appointment can be consistently made, let it be done. It is Gen. Charles F. Smith who asks it.
April 15, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of letter recommending Judge Henry R. Crosby, dated March 25, 1862, at Pittsburgh, Tennessee: "I would be glad to have you on my staff as an ADC." General Smith died a few days later, and the appointment was never made. See further Lincoln to Stanton, December 16, 1862, *infra.*

To John A. Dahlgren[1]

Capt. Dahlgren,
Please see these gentlemen & examine their plan for casting large guns.
April 21, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS, owned by Rogan Showalter, Fairfax, Virginia.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Sec. of War and Gen. McClellan, agreeing, I wish Mr. John A. Perry to be allowed to send any rebel prisoner he can get of equal rank, to Richmond to exchange for Dr. John McGregor, as a surgeon with the rank of major.
April 28, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 125, printed text. Stanton added his endorsement, "I shall be glad to effect an exchange for Dr. McGregor as soon as practicable," and General McClellan added his "Affirmed" with his signature as major general.

To Caleb B. Smith[1]

I personally know nothing of Mr. Angus; but I remember he had excellent recommendations for Commissioner of Public Buildings. If there be a vacancy of superintendent of the Capitol Extension, I am for his being appointed to it.

April 30, 1862. A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG48. This endorsement is written on a letter of W. W. Seaton recommending Mr. Angus. No first name.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the Sec. of War.

April 30, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 81, Item 282, penned on the verso of a letter by George Opdyke, mayor of New York, dated April 1, 1862, introducing "Mr. Theodore W. Kennedy, who desires to serve his country as a second lieutenant in the Army."

To James S. Wadsworth[1]

Gen. Wadsworth, please see and hear this young man, & ascertain if he can do anything of service to you.

April 30, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 81, Item 281. The young man is identified in the source as Theodore Kennedy, who had asked Lincoln for useful work.

To Montgomery Meigs[1]

May 1, 1862

Please see Col. Shaffer, who is a personal friend of mine, and whom I would like to have obliged in any way not inconsistent with the public service.

A. LINCOLN

[1] The Rendells Catalogue 119, Item 160, printed text described as ALS. John W. Shaffer was the colonel referred to.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War.
May 2, 1862 A. LINCOLN

1 AES, IHi. Endorsement written on the verso of a letter signed by Isaac N. Arnold and other members of the Illinois delegation in Congress, recommending appointment of Captain John W. Turner as aide-de-camp on the staff of General McClellan with rank of colonel. See Lincoln to Stanton, May 3, *C.W., Supplement*, 132.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion
May 12, 1862

Let Frederick Salomon, of Wisconsin, be appointed a brigadier general of Volunteers.

A. LINCOLN

1 Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 5, Item 76, printed text described as an autograph letter signed.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

The personal favor within requested by Col. B. B. French, I would be pleased to have granted, if consistent with the public service.
May 15, 1862 A. LINCOLN

1 AES-F, James Lowe Catalogue 20, Item 79. Endorsement on a letter written by B. B. French, commissioner of public buildings, asking that his nephew, Henry P. Wells, be given a commission in the army.

To Valentine B. Horton[1]

Hon V. B. Horton Executive Mansion
My dear Sir: May 16, 1862

Herewith is a copy of your letter, with a copy of my endorsement upon it. You perceive I did exactly what you requested. Neither more nor less.
Yours truly A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, IHi. This copy differs from the Tracy text that appears in *C.W.*, V, 218.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

... Please send Gen. Wool a good Quarter Master (which he very much needs) and send Capt. Sawtelle to Gen. McClellan.
May 17, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 126. This is an incomplete printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed May 17, 1862, on a decoded copy of a telegram from George B. McClellan asking that he not be deprived of the services of Captain Charles Sawtelle.

To Peleg and Mary Clarke[1]

May 23, 1862
Gen. McDowell's HeadQuarters.

Thanks of the President and Secretary to the Misses Clarke and family for the beautiful flowers, and more for the sentiments they feel authorized to infer are held by them.
May 23, 1862 A. LINCOLN
EDWIN M. STANTON

[1] ALS-P, IHi. The Clarkes lived in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at the time of the Civil War and later moved to Westerly, Rhode Island.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
Sir: Washington, May 23, 1862

I understand that Col. Byron R. Pierce of 3rd Michigan is, by assignment, commanding a brigade. If this is so, send me a nomination for him as a Brigadier General.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 56, Item 69. Pierce was promoted two weeks later.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War: Executive Mansion
Sir: May 30, 1862.

Give Gen. Carl Schurz Major Ernst Hoffman and Capt. Spraal as staff-officers, and order him to report to Gen. Fremont.

Yours very truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 192, Item 260. Heitman lists Charles Spraul as "capt aadc 31 May 1862."

To C. W. Sandford[1]

Executive Mansion
Washington, D.C. June 2, 1862

... Thank you for your prompt and patriotic tender of service. As the exigency which occasioned as much uneasiness in the minds of our people, and in view of which your offer was made, now exists no longer, it is not thought that any present necessity exists for calling you into the hardships and fatigues of the field. Your tender of service is, however, none the less gratefully received and appreciated. We are glad to know that when your services are required we shall have the benefit of your energy, sagacity and experience.

Thanking you again, my dear General I am, very truly,
Your friend and obedient Servant,

A. LINCOLN

[1] LS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 95, November 1978, Item 87. This item is in the hand of John Hay. The latter lines of this letter are printed in facsimile. The incomplete beginning is printed text.

To Montgomery Blair[1]

June 21, 1862

Charles Center has been pardoned as I remember upon the unanimous petition of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress and many other respectable citizens of the state. A reference of the case to the Post Office Department did not occur to me, in which perhaps I have been at fault and for which I beg pardon.

[1] A newspaper clipping from a source that cannot be identified, but which seems authentic in context. The clipping specified that this letter, an ALS, is in possession of Gerry Batinovich, Lead, South Dakota. He states that the letter is on the reverse side of part of form no. 122 of the Post Office Department.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Capt. Saml. B. Clements
Respectfully submitted to the War Department.
July 21, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 72, Item 172, described as on a letter signed by eight Missouri representatives in Congress, recommending appointment of Captain Samuel B. Clements of Maryland Volunteers to the regular army.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department.
July 21, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso separated from application of Edward Everett to be appointed superintendent of the arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois, endorsed by Senator Orville H. Browning, "He is a good and capable man."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department.
July 21, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on petition signed by Peter Parker and others, citizens of New York, recommending appointment of O. M. Dorman as provisional governor of Florida.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

July 21, 1862

Respectfully submitted to the War Department with the remark that I personally know Dr. Long to be a good man.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3841, February 24, 1976, Item 272. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed, appended to a letter by Owen M. Long, surgeon with the 11th Regiment, who was seeking advancement.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Will the Sec. of War please put Dr. Davis in the way to be examined to be either a Brigade Surgeon of Volunteers, or a Surgeon in the regular Army?
July 28, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 88, Item 240. Printed text described as an autograph note signed, cut from a letter.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

These are excellent recommendations, and the case must be duly considered at the proper time.
July 29, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 78, Item 16. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed on a petition from seven New York individuals, including E. D. Morgan, governor, and Winfield Scott Hancock, Union general. All were supporting a commission for Colonel Francis L. Vinton, 43rd New York Volunteers.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Washington, D.C. July 30, 1862
Sir.

Col. John N. Purviance, of Penn wishes to be a Pay-Master of Vols, and I wish him to have the place, if there be any vacancy not already promised.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 286.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the War Department
Aug. 4, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3748, April 30, 1975, Item 37. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on recommendation for a promotion of Lieutenant William Boibyshell to captain. Boibyshell was appointed captain in the Quartermaster Corps on November 26, 1862.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the War Department.
Aug. 4, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of recommendation of Governor Andrew G. Curtin and others for C. M. Brower to be appointed sutler.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

August 4, 1862

Submitted to the War Department with the remark that I personally know McCullough to be one of the bravest and truest of men.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3841, February 24, 1976, Item 274. Described as an autograph endorsement signed, accompanying a letter of General John A. Logan recommending Colonel William McCullough for promotion in the regular army.

To Edward Bates[1]

Hon. Attorney General August 7, 1862
Sir:

Please make out and send me an appointment for Zenas C. Robbins, as register of wills for the District of Columbia.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] Copy, DLC. Robbins was a lawyer who had handled Lincoln's patent application in 1849.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to Sec. of War.
Aug. 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of application of William Halstead of New Jersey offering to serve as judge advocate general, July 29, 1862.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War
Sir:

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Aug. 18, 1862

Lewis McLane Hamilton, grand-son of the first Secretary of the Treasury, on the father's side, and also grandson of one who at different times was Sec. of Treasury and Sec. of State on his mother's side, has served a three month's term as a private, and now wishes at the end of his term, nearly, to have a commission in the Regular Army. Let him have a Lieutenancy, if there be a vacancy.

Yours truly,
A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 128. Hamilton received his commission on September 27 and went on to an army career.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Judge Beecher is a friend of mine, & when another paymaster is needed I should like for him to be appointed.

Aug. 19, 1862
A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 17, Item 149. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on the verso of a letter from Governor Richard Yates of Illinois and other prominent citizens of Illinois recommending Judge Edwin Beecher for a position as paymaster.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War

Aug. 19, 1862
A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of letter from Governor Edwin D. Morgan of New York, August 13, 1862, recommending Colonel E. Ferrero, 51st New York Volunteers.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Executive Mansion,

My dear sir
Washington, August 21, 1862

Allow me to request that you will afford all facilities not inconsistent with public interests to Captain Diller and Dr. Weatherill for

some chemical experiments which they desire to make privately under my direction.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN
The Honorable The Secretary of the Navy.

[1] LS, IHi. The Bureau of Ordnance was in the Navy Department, and Lincoln's Springfield, Illinois, friend Isaac Diller, and Dr. Charles M. Weatherill, a chemist, were engaged in extensive experiments with Isaac Diller's formula for gunpowder.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to Sec. of War
Aug. 21, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of letter from John C. Crowley, August 18, 1862: "Well acquainted with the country in the states of Virginia, North Carolina and so forth." Marked "File WD September 29, 1862."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion
My Dear Sir: Aug. 26, 1862
I beg to refer the within recommendation of Col. Chivington to your notice. I do not know the Colonel personally but have great confidence in Governor Evans.
Your obt servt A. LINCOLN
The Secretary of War

[1] ES, DNA RG107, on verso of letter of John Evans, governor of Colorado Territory, recommending Colonel John M. Chivington of 1st Colorado Volunteers for appointment as brigadier general.

To William H. Seward[1]

Executive Mansion
September 6, 1862
I think we might as well give Gen. Cameron the denied leave of absence.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue, February 27-28, 1974, Item 382. Printed text only, described as ALS. For background on this note consult *C.W.*, V, 368, letter to Cassius Clay, August 12, 1862, and footnote.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon, Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
Dear Sir: Washington, Sep. 23, 1862

My friend, Judge Skinner, whom you met here with others Saturday, has a son--Richard Skinner--whom he wishes appointed a Lieut. in the regular Army to go on Gen. Hunter's staff. Gen. Hunter wishes to have him. I wish this done if it can be consistently.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 192.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

Gen. Halleck, please see Capt. Fox and Capt. Porter, of the Navy, who wish to talk about the Naval part of the contemplated Mississippi expedition, Capt. Fox you may know is Assistant Sec. of Navy.

Sep. 27, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5187, May 23, 1984, Item 210. David Dixon Porter and Gustavas Vasa Fox.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

Respectfully submitted to Gen. Halleck.

Sept. 30, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 45, Item 126. Printed text described as autograph note signed on the verso of a letter from Congressman A. S. Diven to Secretary of State William H. Seward recommending that fellow congressman R. B. Van Valkenburg, presently serving in the army as colonel, be promoted to brigadier general. Van Valkenburg was never promoted.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

Respectfully submitted to Gen. Halleck.
September 30, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 63, Item 43. Printed text described as autograph note signed on verso of letter by Francis H. Peirpoint, governor of loyal Virginia, recommending for a brigadier's commission Colonel George R. Latham of the 2nd Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Latham was later brevetted brigadier general, but did not get the commission recommended by Peirpoint.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War.
Oct. 6, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on envelope of letter of David P. Holloway, July 27, 1862, recommending James F. Collier of Indiana for commission as second lieutenant.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to Secretary of War, with the remark that I strongly incline to discharge Dr. Blanchard.
October 9, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] *Lincoln Lore*, Fort Wayne, Indiana, March, 1983, No. 1741, p. 2. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter of General John A. Logan dated August 30, 1862. Israel Blanchard of Murphysboro, Illinois, had been arrested along with ten other Illinoians and was imprisoned in the Old Capitol prison [Washington, D.C.] on charges of being members of the Knights of the Golden Circle in Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois. General John A. Logan's letter, dated August 30, defended Blanchard as a loyal citizen.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Secretary of War.
Oct. 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of petition signed by Connecticut businessmen, recommending Wait N. Hawley as colonel of "one of the new regiments."

To Joseph R. Smith[1]

Assistant Dr. Stipp says he is ordered to Gen. McClellan's camp. I would be glad if he could be sent to Corinth.
Oct. 12, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, James Lowe Catalogue 2, Item 89. See Lincoln to Smith, *C.W.*, V, 457, and to Towsend, *C.W.*, VI, 294 *passim*, concerning Dr. George Winfield Stipp.

To H. M. Rice[1]

Executive Mansion,
Sir. Washington, October 16, 1862

Mr. Usher, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, being about to visit Minnesota, for the purpose of making peace and restoring order among the Indian tribes in that State, and having much confidence in your wisdom and ability to aid Mr. Usher in his effort, I have to request that you will give him all the aid in your power to accomplish the desired object. He will be influenced very much by your advice; your long experience in that country will enable you to judge for the best.

I will only add that I expect much good to result from your action in the premises, and sincerely hope that the mission of Mr. Usher may be accomplished. I have the honor to be
Your obt servt A. LINCOLN
Hon. H. M. Rice

[1] LS-F, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 96, Item 172. Rice was a senator from Minnesota.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War
Oct. 21, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3748, April 30, 1975, Item 36. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed, on the verso of a request by Thomas A. Scott for one P. Flanigan to be appointed to the regular army. Scott was a former assistant secretary of war, now first vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War. Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir. Washington, Oct. 22, 1862

Mrs. Morris, wife of Gen. Morris at Ft. McHenry has two sons in the war, and now asks a second lieutenancy in the Army for the third. See her a moment, and you probably will feel like obliging her; and if so, make the appointment, not in violation of your rule, but at my direction.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 129. General William Walton Morris was in command at Fort McHenry, Baltimore. The Army Register does not list young Morris as an officer during the Civil War.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

In the present condition of General Grant's army, it might be entirely proper to appoint Gen. Hamilton.... I submit the question to the Secretary of War and Gen. in Chief.

October 24, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 144. This incomplete printed text is described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter of Senator J. R. Doolittle, recommending "immediate promotion of Brigadier General Charles S. Hamilton." See Lincoln's letter to McClellan, *C.W.*, V, 208-209 and 227 *passim*.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Washington, October 29, 1862

Gov. Thomas Hicks of Maryland ... now present says that the appointment of Thomas J. Wilson, as Addl. Paymaster was promised him by Gen. Cameron more than a year ago. He, Gov. Hicks, now urgently renews the request for the appointment. Let it [be] made if it consistently can.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 130, printed text only, described as an autograph letter signed. Wilson was appointed an additional paymaster on November 26.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War. Mr. Bateman is my personal acquaintance & friend.
[November 1862] A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5447, April 23, 1986, Item 106. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement of a letter from Newton Bateman, Illinois superintendent of public instruction, Springfield, Illinois, November 7, 1862, begging for a paymastership in the army. It is not known whether Bateman received his appointment.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Washington, November 7, 1862

… Mrs. Lewis, wife of Captain James Lewis, of the U.S. Marine Corps calls & asks that her husband fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Major Purnell....

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4368, April 29, 1980, Item 64. Printed text in part only. No Major Purnell has been identified.be.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I should like for the appointment to be made if it consistently can be.
November 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 131, printed text only, described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter from J. H. Pulston, November 7, 1862, transmitting the request of Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin of Pennsylvania that the brigadier general's commission for Colonel R. Biddle Roberts be dated back to the Battle of South Mountain.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

Respectfully submitted to Gen. Halleck.
Nov. 13, 1862. A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi. Endorsement on verso of a letter from Lyman Trumbull recommending promotion of Colonel Thomas G. Allen, Eightieth Illinois Volunteers, to brigadier general.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

November 22, 1862

I believe papers are already on file in behalf of Col. Fisk. I have been convinced that he is a very worthy and energetic officer and more than ordinarily earnest in the cause. I know not that he can consistently be appointed; but I shall be glad if he can.

Nov. 22, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 203, Item 68. This endorsement is on a letter signed by Governor H. R. Gamble of Missouri, addressed to Lincoln, seeking the promotion of Colonel Clinton B. Fisk to brigadier general. Fisk was commissioned a brigadier general of volunteers on November 24, 1862.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If the Second Brigade of Casey's Division needs an Assistant Adjutant General, with the rank of captain, and the Brigadier General commanding the Brigade, wishes Mr. Lamb to be the man, I am willing to appoint him. Either of these conditions wanting, I could not make the appointment.

November 24, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 133, printed text only, described as an autograph endorsement signed, on a letter from Governor Frederick Holbrook of Vermont stating that he would be gratified by the appointment of James C. Lamb as assistant adjutant general with the rank of captain for the Second Brigade of Silas Casey's Second Division. The final docket on this file reads: "It appears ... that General Stoughton, commanding the Second Brigade Casey's Division does *not* want Mr. Lamb as assistant adjutant general." The Army Register carries no record of Lamb receiving any appointment during the war.

To the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs[1]

Respectfully submitted to the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs.

December 4, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Goodspeed's *The Flying Quill*, November 1, 1977, Item 110A. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement, signed on the thirteen-page dossier of Commander Richard W. Meade, an interesting record of an unfortunate Civil War naval commander, brother of General George G. Meade, who explains his disappointment at being passed over.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

Major General Halleck Executive Mansion,
Sir: Washington, Dec. 4, 1862.

You see by the enclosed letter what is sought for Capt. Thaddeous P. Mott. I personally remember seeing him in the Artillery service, in the Autumn of 1861, and hearing him spoken of in terms of great praise by several high officers, including: I think, General McClellan. If he can consistently be assigned a position suitable to him, I shall be gratified.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 134. Halleck apparently failed to find a suitable position for Mott, for the captain resigned from the U.S. Cavalry the following month.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

Major General Halleck Executive Mansion,
Sir Washington, Dec 8, 1862

This morning Hon. Mister Granger & Hon. Robert J. Walker, called to ask that Col. Justice I. McCarty, may be appointed a Brigadier General. They say he has a good record, and I shall be obliged if you will have it examined in reference to such appointment. He was nominated last session, and fell among the large number passed over by the Senate. It is said the Secretary of War fully understands the case.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

Respectfully submitted to Gen. Halleck.
September 30, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 194. Bradley Francis Granger, representative from Michigan.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War, with the remark that the recommendations are excellent.

Dec. 10, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Goodspeed's *The Flying Quill*, November 1, 1977, Item 110, described as an autograph endorsement signed, approving the promotion of three brigadier generals, Irvin McDowell, Stewart, and Ralph Pomeroy Buckland. Heitman does not list Stewart.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to Sec. of War.
Dec. 10, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of a letter from John F. Farnsworth requesting a clerkship for Edward Gifford, December 7, 1862. See further Lincoln to Stanton, *C.W.*, V, 539 and note.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If my friend Knapp can be conveniently appointed an Addl. Paymaster I should be very glad.
December 11, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5447, April 23, 1986, Item 107. Printed text, described as an autograph endorsement signed on the verso of a letter from Governor Richard Yates and other officials seeking the appointment of Nathan M. Knapp as paymaster.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let this appointment be made unless there be some reason to the contrary unknown to me.
Dec. 16, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of recommendation by John V. Cradlebaugh, delegate from Nevada Territory in Congress, of Henry R. Crosby for assistant commissary of subsistence.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I especially wish John M. Pommeroy to be a paymaster in the regular Army and asking that he be appointed at once.
December 22, 1862 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 195. Printed text described as an autograph card signed.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
Sir: Washington, Dec. 22, 1862

I wish to examine the evidence in Colonel Ford's case; and will be obliged if you will send it, or a copy of it to me.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F. Goodspeed's *The Flying Quill*, September 1973, Item 54. Ford is identified as James Hobart Ford, a Union officer who became a brigadier general in 1864.

To John E. Wool[1]

Major Gen. Wool
Baltimore, MD.

Please see these ladies.

[1863?] A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 155, Item 92. Printed text described as written on an envelope.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War.

January 5, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 25, Item 54. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter of Arthur Rich, Annapolis, Maryland, December 28, 1862, requesting the position of paymaster.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
Dear Sir: Washington, January 9, 1863

It is said that William S. Pryor, of New-Castle, Henry Co. Ky. and J. O'Hara, of Covington, Ky., were imprisoned for a while, at Camp Chase, and are now at Cincinnati, on parole, without permission to leave the State of Ohio. Let their parole stand, but allow them to go at large generally. When you shall have done this, notify me of it.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

Will execute the foregoing order.

E. M. STANTON

[1] ALS-F, King V. Hostick Catalogue, November 1976, Item 176.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, January 7, 1863

To-day Gov. Morton reminded me that Gen. Willich should be a major general and I think well of it myself upon more grounds than one.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 292. For August Willich see *C.W.*, V, 66 *passim*.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Secretary of War.
Jan. 19, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of petition of citizens of California asking appointment of Duane M. Greene as second lieutenant of infantry in the regular army.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

Submitted to Gen. Halleck.
January 20, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5097, October 26, 1983, Item 86. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on integral blank of a letter from Congressman Samuel Shellabarger of Ohio. Printed text described as AES on a letter in which Shellabarger reports that "Col. Webb of this city assures me that he knows from secession sources perfectly reliable that Longstreet is still at Fredericksburg...."

To Caleb B. Smith[1]

Sec. of Interior, please send me a nomination for William T. Otto, as Assistant Sec. of Interior.
Jan. 21, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG48. Lincoln's endorsement is written on a letter signed by numerous members of the House of Representatives recommending Otto.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
Dear Sir Washington, January 23, 1863

Please appoint Joseph P. Longhead, of Penn. be appointed a Commissary of Subsistence.

Yours truly A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 198.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I would like for Gen. Corcoran to be obliged in this case. What Regiment can the young man enlist in, so as to have an appointment, if there be any?
Sec. of War, please see Father Dillon.
Jan. 28, 1863. A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Christie, Manson & Woods International Catalogue, Doheny V, February 21 and 22, 1989, Item 2115. Concerning Morgan Doheny, the young man for whom an appointment was sought, see Lincoln to Stanton, October 17, 1862, *C.W.*, V, 466.

Endorsement Concerning Reappointment of Mr. Copeland[1]

February 9, 1863

The Sec. of War will regard the reappointment of Mr. Copeland as a personal affront.

A. LINCOLN

[1] The Rendells Catalogue 122, Item 124. Printed text described as ANS. Copeland is unidentified.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let this leave of absence be extended twenty additional days.
February 24, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 106, Item 47. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed, written on a letter by General John A. Rawlins, granting a special leave of absence for twenty days to Brigadier General William Vandever with permission to proceed beyond the limits of the Department of

Tennessee. Vandever was a representative to Congress serving with the armed forces.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir: Washington, March 6, 1863

Please see Col. Morrison, a newly elected M C from Ills. who has been in the field ever since the war began, and has been once wounded. I wish him obliged, if it can be consistently done, by the appointment of a Commissary of Subsistence. Please see & hear him.

Yours truly A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 200. Colonel William B. Morrison was elected to Congress in November 1862.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War.
March 17, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi, on verso of a petition signed by Missouri and Illinois politicians and citizens recommending the promotion of Colonel Friederick K. F. Hecker to brigadier general.

To Caleb B. Smith[1]

Hon. Sidney Edgerton. Judge in Arazonia, Arizona.
[March 21, 1863?]

[1] Dorris Harris Catalogue, June 2, 1980, Item 27. Printed text described as autograph endorsement not signed on recommendation signed by twenty-four former and current congressmen and senators, Washington, March 21, 1863. Instead of this appointment, Edgerton became U.S. judge in the Territory of Idaho in 1863.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Secretary of War.
March 25, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi, on verso of a letter from Governor Alexander Ramsey of Minnesota. See further Lincoln to Halleck, *C.W.*, V, 364 and note.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion, Washington, March 31, 1863

To-day Gov. Morton says that as a general rule, he does not recommend colonels for promotion; and that he departs in the two following cases because of what he deems peculiar merit.

Col. *Silas Colgrove*, of 27th Ind--with Hooker, not a very good disciplinarian; but particularly brave, and inspiring to his men in battle.

Col. *John Welder*, of 17th Ind. with Rosecrans--good in all respects--a very superior officer.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 136. Neither man received a promotion in 1863, but Colgrove was brevetted brigadier general in August 1864.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

It seems that Edward P. Williams, son of the writer whom I personally know to be a worthy man, was on Gen. Denver's staff and is thrown out by the resignation of Gen. Denver; and that the father and Gen. Milroy now wish him a Judge Advocate to serve with Gen. Milroy. If there be a vacancy for such appointment let it be made.

April 4, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 137, printed text only, described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter from J. L. Williams, Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 26, 1863, concerning the plight of his son, Lieutenant Edward Peet Williams, an adjutant in the 100th Indiana who was "... assigned to the not very interesting duty of guarding the railroads south of Memphis...." General James Denver had resigned from the army in March 1863 to resume his law practice.

To General Edward S. Sanford[1]

Executive Mansion
Washington, D.C. April 20, 1863

I beg your pardon for having neglected to acknowledge the honor of your invitation to review the First Division of New York National Guards on this day . . . but the press of my duties would not admit.

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4267, June 20, 1979, Item 763. Incomplete printed text, described as an autographed letter signed.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

To-day Gov. Cannon & Hon. John W. Houston, both of Delaware, just from a visit to the Army of the Potomac, call and ask that Col. John R. Brook of the 53rd Penn., be made _____ [general, presumably].
April 25, 1863

[1] Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 84, Item 44. Incomplete printed text, unsigned, described as autograph note.

To William S. Rosecrans[1]

Major-General Rosecrans — Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir: — Washington May 1, 1863

Herewith, endorsed upon a letter, is a copy of your order or note of March 11, 1863, in relation to dismissing Col. David R. Haggard, of the 5th Kentucky Cavalry. You based your recommendation for his dismissal on the grounds of physical disability. There must be some mistake about this. He is one of the strongest and vigorous looking men I have seen; and intimate acquaintances of his, of undoubted veracity, assure me he is really so. They also assure me he has no single habit tending to impair his health; and that, with all, he is one of the most unconditionally devoted men to our cause; and that his dismissal, while unjust to him, is a matter of discouragement to the true men of his acquaintance. I therefore think that to send him to you, hoping that on a personal interview you will think it proper for him to be restored. Please see and hear him. I take this course because I am strongly impressed that the alleged cause of dismissal does not exist, and yet because I do not wish to force an officer upon you against your will.

Yours truly, — A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, DNA RG94. Nothing further on this case. David R. Haggard is not listed by Heitman.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War.
May 13, 1863 — A. LINCOLN

MAY 18, 1863

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5447, April 23, 1986, Item 109. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed, on a letter from Orville H. Browning, pleading the case of General Horatio G. Wright, whose nomination as major general had been rejected by the Senate. Browning's letter had no immediate impact. Lincoln had reappointed Wright with the rank of brigadier general in March 1863, and he was not promoted to major general until May 1864, after distinguished service in the Wilderness Campaign.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Secretary of War please see Mr. Gibbs with this letter from Gov. Andrew.
May 18, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4179, Item 486, described as an autographed endorsement signed, on a letter of John A. Andrew, governor of Massachusetts. Andrew's letter was carried to Lincoln by O. C. Gibbs, "... who goes from here for the purpose of bringing home the remains of Captain W. G. Hewins, late of the 18th Regiment Mass. Volunteers...."

To Joseph Holt[1]

Petition refused,
May 20, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 31, Item 1, printed text described as an endorsement, signed on the verso of a letter from William F. Camp, a Union officer, asking that he be given a trial for being absent without leave. Judge Advocate General Joseph Holt had recommended against it in an endorsement dated December 10, 1862.

To Edward Bates[1]

May 26, 1863

Will the Attorney-General please examine & give me an opinion as to whether I, as President, have any lawful authority to interfere, as within requested.

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4179, Item 488, described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter of G. F. Kelly, agent for settlers in California, who had informed the president: "A large body of preemption settlers in California, whose rights have been invaded by the confirmation of fraudulent Mexican Land Claims desire me to solicit of the Government a full investigation of these frauds...."

To Thomas M. Vincent, Assistant Adjutant General[1]

November 28, 1863

I have promised the bearer, C. B. Morse, an interview with Major Vincent. Will Major Vincent please see & hear him.

May 28, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, on a page torn from an unidentified dealer's catalogue, Item 249.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

… He and his friends claim that he has never been informed of the cause of his removal. Sec. of War please have the case examined & reported upon to me.

June 6, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 138, described as autograph endorsement, signed on a letter from Governor Frederick Holbrook of Vermont, May 26, 1863. Reexamination of the case of Lieutenant John W. Jones apparently satisfied the administration that justice had been done. The Army Register records Jones's dismissal on May 4, 1863.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War, with request for special attention.

June 9, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Walter R. Benjamin, *The Collector*, 1982, Whole Number 888, Item P1003. Printed text, described as ADS on verso of a letter from Brigadier General James W. McMillan to John P. Usher urging appointment of Oscar P. Hervey as his assistant adjutant general. A one-line note after the endorsement reads: "Hervey appointed June 12, 1863."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

It is said that there is on file a recommendation, or request rather of Gen. Granger to have Lieut. Lupton, as Quarter-Master with the rank of Captain. If this be true, let the appointment be made.

June 11, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 139, printed text only, described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter from Governor Oliver P. Morton of Indiana to urge the appointment of William C. Lupton as assistant

quartermaster in the regular army with the rank of captain. Lupton resigned his commission in the Indiana Infantry July 12, 1863, and was named additional paymaster of volunteers August 8.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Secretary of War.
June 13, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi, on an envelope addressed to "His Excellency The President."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

The within is an excellent testimonial of a Colonel to Lieut. Eastman, who served under him. I should like to see him in the service again.
June 20, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, owned by H. L. Oatley, Bradenton, Florida. The endorsement is on a letter from Colonel J. Fred Pierson, First Regiment of New York Volunteers, June 1. 1863, recommending that Chester[?] V. Eastman be given a commission. He "originally joined my regiment as a private, and by reason of his exemplary conduct and ability was promoted to a first lieutenancy...."

Proposed Amendments to the Treasury Circular of July 1863[1]

Proposed amendments to the Treasury Department circular of July, 1863.
1. There shall be at New Orleans, Batton Rouge, and such other points as the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct, depots for receiving, storing, and selling at auction, all cotton, sugar, and other articles, which may be brought to them for that purpose, from beyond the United States military lines.
2. All such cotton, sugar, and other articles, shall be allowed to come through said lines to said depots, without let or hindrance.
3. There shall be an agent for each of said depots, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and to give sufficient bond and surety, whose duty it shall be to receive, safely store, and sell at auction on Monday of each week, at such depot, all complete lots of such cotton, sugar, and other articles, as he may then have on hand,

keeping accurate accounts of the whole, substantially as is done in the Storage & Commission business.

4. Such auction sales shall be open to all competitors; shall be made in such parcels as to bring the best price; and green backs alone shall be received in payment.

5. Of the proceeds of each lot, the agent shall, first, retain as compensation, such sum as is usual by the custom of merchants in similar cases; secondly, shall pay the government tax and dues, according to existing laws and regulations; thirdly, shall pay to the party delivering, on taking the oath of December 8th 1863; in green backs only, one moiety of the remainder; and fourthly, shall pay into the Treasury of the United States the remaining moiety, giving the name of the party delivering; and all this with the pledge of the government that, on the return of peace, and full practical restoration of the authority of the Union, the party delivering, having faithfully kept said oath, shall receive, without interest, the sum so paid into said Treasury.

[1] DNA RG56 (General Records, Department of the Treasury). AB Letters Received, Secretary's Office, 1861-1864. The editors are indebted to Mr. Timothy Connelly, Archivist, National Archives, for bringing to their attention the existence of this document. He wrote in a letter dated June 28, 1989:

"This document has been bound into a volume whose spine bears the title, 'AB. 1863-64: Secretary's Office.' This volume belongs to the series, Letters Received from Executive Officers ('AB' Series), which is part of the General Records of the Department of the Treasury, Record Group 56.

"Unfortunately, it is not possible to identify with certainty the circular to which the proposed amendments relate. It appears to me that this document may well be a Treasury Department circular of July 3, 1863, which is among the Circulars Sent with Related Papers ('T' Series), and is bound into a volume labeled, 'Miscellaneous--Not in Regular Arrangement, 1861-1869,' in the General Records of the Treasury Department. This circular relates to the disposition of abandoned, captured, commercial, and confiscable property in insurrectionary areas. Moreover, it seems to be the only July, 1863, document in this group of circulars to which the proposed amendments could have been addressed."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Sec. of War please see Judge Castler, on a matter, in which he is very earnest, & I rather think he is right.

July 14, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 113, Item 192, printed text described as ANS. Judge Castler has not been identified.

To Montgomery Blair[1]

Washington, July 29, 1863

I am told our unfortunate friend Henry Charles De Ahna, with his family, is destitute; and that he now wants a clerkship. Suppose we try to get one for him.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Leslie Hindman Catalogue, January 15, 1984, Item 132. See *C.W.*, V, 368-369.

To Edward Bates[1]

Submitted to the Attorney General.
Aug. 3, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, owned by Louise Taper, Los Angeles, California. The endorsement is written on a letter from B. B. French, August 1, 1863, recommending F. A. Boswell to be justice of the peace and including a petition signed by numerous Washington, D.C., citizens.

To Steven A. Hurlbut[1]

Executive Mansion
August 4, 1863

... The result is that I have tried two of these guns; and each so got out of order as to have been entirely useless in a battle. This happened too, with specimens of the gun, which the Navy officers had inspected and bought for their own use, and, in fact, happened in the hands of their present Chief Ordnance officer. The Secretary of War, for this, and for other general reasons, is opposed to furnishing this gun; and when to this is added the opposition of the Gen. in-Chief and my own discouragement, at the trials, I am sorry to disappoint you by saying I can not now order these guns for you....

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4387, June 3, 1980, Item 973. Partial printed text.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Send me over the commission for Mr. James.
Aug. 10, 1863. A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, *The Autograph Alcove*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January-February 1982, Item 1. William James was appointed provost marshal, First District, State of Illinois, by Lincoln on May 5, 1863.

To Henry W. Halleck[1]

This is my answer from Gen. Anderson. Will Genl. Halleck please make the order for him as we spoke of yesterday?
August 17, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 39. Item 149. On August 15, 1863. Lincoln had written General Robert Anderson informing him that his general in chief, Halleck, had agreed to give him command of Fort Adams at Newport, Rhode Island. Anderson wrote accepting the command, health permitting, and Lincoln's endorsement appears on his letter. On October 27, Anderson was retired due to disabilities.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Please see the bearer.
August 17, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Robert A. Le Gresley Catalogue 6. Described as an ADS on a printed envelope addressed to the secretary of war. The name Alfred A. Post has been penciled in in another hand.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Mr. Blair says he has known this lady 65 years.—I think if the old lady presents herself at City Point she might be allowed to come to her home. But not the daughter. She doubtless is the wife of a rebel.
Aug. 21, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 81, Item 40. Described as written on a letter of Lavinia H. Jackson, June 15, 1863, requesting passes for her mother, Mrs. Ann Hunter, to return home from North Carolina.

To Mary Lincoln[1]

Washington, 31 August, 1863

All quite well. Fort Sumter is certainly battered down & utterly useless to the enemy. It is believed . . . that both Sumter & Fort Wagner are occupied by our forces. It is certain that Gen. Gillmore has thrown some shells into the city of Charleston.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4114, Item 189. This is a printed text described as autograph draft of a telegraph message. Mrs. Lincoln was in Manchester, Vermont. General Quincy A. Gillmore was at Charleston, South Carolina.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War & General-in-Chief.
Sept. 1, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 86, Item 140. This endorsement is on the verso of a letter from William Millard, a United States marshal from Pennsylvania, recommending that Colonel John Ely of Bucks County be promoted to brigadier general.

To Paymaster General[1]

Please see this lady, who thinks there is some back pay due her son who fell in our service.
Sep. 2, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS, owned by Marilyn S. Gooper, Gaithersburg, Maryland, a faded and barely legible card.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion
Hon. Sec. of War Washington, D.C. September 4, 1863

It is said that Charles H. Young, or Charles Young, drafted in the District, has been taken not withstanding his now age.… His father, mother, and a neighbor woman all tell me they will swear the boy was born in February, 1845, one month before the inauguration of Mr. Polk. Let them meet and file their proof on due form....

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4179, Item 493, described as an autograph endorsement signed.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Admit this lady.
Sep. 5, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-P, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress. The lady was Mary Elizabeth Smith, seeking to get her husband, Captain Samuel Ford of the Fifth Maryland Volunteers, who was imprisoned in Carroll Prison, charged with having "permitted detectives under his command to extort money from loyal citizens under threat of exposure as Confederate sympathizers." These and other facts relative to Mary Smith are on file in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress in a manuscript deposited in the Manuscript Division along with the Lincoln items. See further Lincoln to Mary Smith, April 9, 1864, *infra*.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

This is presented by Hon. Mr. Sloan of Wisconsin. The young man, Frank W. Sloan, is drafted, but not yet examined and accepted. If what is asked, is customary, let it be done in this case.
Sep. 7, 1863 A. LINCOLN
Hon. Sec. of War.

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 110, Item 141, endorsement on a letter to E. M. Stanton from B. S. Bailey, paymaster, U.S.A. Pay Department, St. Louis, September 1, 1863, asking for authority to appoint Frank W. Sloan as paymaster's clerk and discharge him from the military to enable him to accept the civilian post. Peter H. Watson, acting secretary of war, on September 8 added his endorsement: "Sloan desires exemption from the military service which the draft has imposed upon him. The law provides that he may, in common with other citizens, obtain such exemption by paying $300. This request, in effect, is that he be relieved from such payment by a discharge. To grant the request would establish a dangerous precedent and it is refused."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I suppose this is a true copy of a genuine paper, indorsed by me; and if so, I repeat the endorsement, thinking the application is a very meritorious one.
Sep. 24, 1863 A. LINCOLN

1 AES-F, King V. Hostick Catalogue, November 1976, Item 179. This endorsement appears below a copy that reads as follows: "Genl. [James B.] McPherson having endorsed the statement of this paper, or rather joined in making them, I think that to say let the appointments sought be made if the services are needed. A. Lincoln, Sept 9th, 1863." These endorsements appear on a letter addressed to Lincoln recommending for promotion Captain J. C. Ford, who had been in the Battle of Boonville in Lexington, Missouri. This file had been forwarded by General U. S. Grant from Vicksburg on August 10, 1863.

Card for James Morton[1]

For Mr. James Morton.
Sept. 26, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F. Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 36, Item 350, on a small card. This probably accompanied some unidentified item.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Hon. Sec. of Navy, please see this lady, Mrs. Rogers, with her son; and hear their case. They are well vouched as worthy people.
Sep. 26, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Paul C. Richards American Scene Catalogue 1, Item 316.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Sec. of War
Please see & hear this young Lady, or girl rather--Miss. Shekell.
October 3, 1863. A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 121, July 19, 1979, Item 147. Described as an ANS, this is a printed text only.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

These are are [*sic*] excellent recommendations, which I respectfully submit to the Sec. of War.
October 12, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 21, Item 2, printed text described as autograph document signed on a letter from Chicago recommending William F. Orcutt to be post sutler at Rock Island. The letter is signed by 19 friends of Orcutt.

Pardon for an Unnamed Soldier[1]

Let this man be pardoned for the remainder of his punishment, and returned to his duty, without loss of pay except for during his actual absence.

Oct. 22, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 110, Item 142.

To Joseph Holt[1]

If there be no mistake about the facts within assumed, let the change requested be made.

Oct. 30, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi. Lincoln's endorsement is on the verso of a letter from H. D. Guncker, Bishop of Alton, Illinois, recommending appointment of John Vahey as hospital chaplain to replace Reverend P. Maloy, who had left the diocese. The appointment was made November 21, 1863.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If the Secretary of War, and the Governor of New York approve, I am for Col. Tompkins, raising a thousand new men in any way he chooses.

Nov. 2, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, J.F.F. Company Catalogue 85, Item 6. The endorsement is described as appearing on a letter of J. B. Stonehouse, adjutant general, on the letterhead of General Headquarters, State of New York, Albany, October 22, 1863, to Colonel Ray Tompkins. Directly under Lincoln's endorsement, the item is described as carrying an endorsement by Horatio Seymour, governor of New York, "If the consent of the Secretary of War is obtained, I shall not withhold my approval."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Nov. 10, 1863

Gen. Cameron, asks that J. W. Fisher, Col. in Penn. Revs. be a Brig. Genl.---Lawyer at Lancaster.

Also, L. B. Pierce, Col. of Penn. Cavalry Civil Engineers, Bedford Co. did good service near Bedford last summer.

Also appeals for Maj. Van Vleet.

A. LINCOLN

Submitted to Sec. of War & General-in-Chief.
November 10, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1]ADS-F and AES-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 140. The Army Register indicates that none of Simon Cameron's requests was granted. Stewart Van Vleet was quartermaster at New York.

To Henry A. Wise, Chief of Ordnance, Navy Department[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Nov. 11, 1863

I understand Major Laidley has made some experiments with gunpowder compounded by Mr. Stevens. Unless he is already satisfied that it would be useless, I should be glad [if] he would experiment further, and report his opinion as to whether the powder should be introduced into the service.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-P, IHi. Major Theodore T. S. Laidley of the Bureau of Ordnance was in charge of experiments on several varieties of newly invented gunpowder.

Autograph of a Portion of the Gettysburg Address[1]

Extract from an Address delivered at the dedication of the Cemetery at Gettysburg. "But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate--we can not consecrate--we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power, to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."
November 19, 1863 ABRAHAM LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, printed in a volume of autographs published by J. B. Lippincott & Company, Philadelphia.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

When Mr. Speed was here, he asked for the pass within requested, and I told him that if he and Mr. Guthridge [Guthrie] should jointly

request it, it should be done. Will Hon. Sec. of War please do it?
November 20, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4179, Item 494, printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed, accompanied by a copy of the pass that was issued. Joshua Speed may have been accompanied by James Guthrie. See *C.W.*, VI, 147n.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I am told that Gen. Cox has, by Gen. Foster, been assigned to the command of a corps at Knoxville; and if so, in connection with what has gone before, I think he is a fair case for a Major General. Submitted to the Sec. of War & Gen.-in-Chief
December 16, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 141, printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on a letter of Alfonso Taft, Cincinnati, September 3, 1863, to Secretary of War Stanton on behalf of Brigadier General Jacob B. Cox, then commander of the District of Ohio.

To Henry C. Wright[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Dec. 20th, 1863

I shall not attempt to retract or modify the emancipation proclamation, nor shall I return to slavery any person who is free by the terms of that proclamation, or by any of the acts of Congress. ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Henry C. Wright, Care of Wendell Phillips
221 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4114, Item 192. Henry C. Wright was a lecturing agent of the Massachusetts Antislavery Society who had written a letter requesting Lincoln to write "for me & subscribe your name to it with your own hand this sentence in your late message...."

Pass for William N. Harris and Richard B. Stewart[1]

Lincoln comments, according to the source, that he is satisfied that Harris and Stewart "are loyal men of Virginia, whose families are in destitution there" and continues: "I should be glad for the Naval

authorities to afford them any reasonable facilities for bringing away their families & property."
December 21, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue, October 31, 1984, Item 140. This printed text is described as an autograph note signed.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War & Gen. in-Chief.
Dec. 22, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 91, Item 274. Endorsement on a letter of Major General John A. Logan recommending Colonel M. M. Bane for promotion.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
Sir: Washington, Dec. 24, 1863
Please allow Hon. Mr. King, of Mo. to send a letter through our lines, covering a small amount of expense money & this card.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 204.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Sec. of War please see & hear Mr. Lawrence of Maine, whom I would personally like to oblige in the matter of which he will speak, if it can be consistently done.
Dec. 26, 1863 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 85, Item 50. Mr. Lawrence not further identified.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Brig. Gen. E. A. Carr for promotion.
Submitted to the Sec. of War & General-in-Chief.
Dec. 29, 1863. A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, James Lowe Catalogue 12, Item 104. General E. A. Carr was commanding the 2nd Division Arkansas Expedition. He did not receive his promotion until 1865.

To Edward Bates[1]

Hon. Attorney General

Here I send you Edwin C. Claybrook, as you requested. I now place him at your control.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

Dec. 30, 1863

[1] AES-F, Riba Mobley Catalogue 1, Item 162. This endorsement appears on a letter from Brigadier General Gilman Marston, December 29, 1863, concerning Edwin Claybrook, a prisoner of war who declined to take the oath of allegiance.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War, please see my friend Hon. C. M. Allen who wishes a little extension of furlough for his son at West Point. Oblige him if consistent.

Jan. 2, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 63, Item 123, printed text described as an autograph note signed. Cyrus M. Allen, speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives, requested this for his son, C. M. Allen, Jr.

To Montgomery Blair[1]

Will the Post-Master General please call and see me this morning?

Jan. 2, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 115, Item 46.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Mr. Meigs, named within, desires to raise an Artillery Battery of colored men in Tennessee; and if that arm is to be recruited there of colored men, I am convinced there is no more suitable man than Mr. Meigs. He is of good stock, and well recommended personally.

Jan. 4, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Henry B. Meigs, *Record of the Descendants of Vincent Meigs*, Baltimore, Maryland, 1901, p. 300. Stanton ordered the raising of the battery, and Captain Meigs proceeded at once to do so. He and the men were mustered in as Battery A, First U.S. Colored Artillery, and afterwards changed to Battery A, Second U.S. Colored Artillery.

To James Dixon[1]

Will Senator Dixon please call and see me at once?
Jan. 8. 1864. A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Joseph M. Maddalena Catalogue 3, Item 81.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War. Executive Mansion,
Sir: Washington, Jan. 9. 1864

Please see Senator Lane, and if you can appoint his man a chaplain, I shall be indeed very glad.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Joseph M. Maddalena Catalogue 2, Item 76. Henry S. Lane was a senator from Indiana.

To Edward Bates[1]

Attorney General Executive Mansion,
Sir Washington, Jan. 13, 1864.

Please make out and send me a pardon for Benjamin C. Robertson of Dirgen County, Tennessee.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Richard C. Frajola Catalogue, July 10, 1982, Item 214. Robertson was a Confederate officer who died before he could receive the pardon. The name "Dirgen County" is apparently an error.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion
Hon. Sec. of War January 14, 1864

I am told there is an application before you for Capt. Nathan Willard to be a Commissary of Subsistence.... I hope it may be consistent to give him the appointment soon….

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3841, February 24, 1976, Item 289. Printed text described as an ALS.

To Hiram Barney[1]

I do not personally know Mr. Dolan; but as his home is in New York, if he is known there to be worthy of it I shall be glad if Mr. Barney can give him suitable employment.
January 15, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 4886Y, Item 75, printed text described as written on a letter from John Dolan.

Pardon for Earl C. Crippen[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, January 16, 1864

Upon condition that Earl C. Crippen of Co. F. 73rd Ohio Volunteers, returns to his regiment within a reasonable time, and faithfully serves out his term including time lost by his desertion, or until he shall be honorably discharged, he is fully pardoned for any desertion for which he is heretofore and now guilty.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 308. Just a printed text.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to Sec. of War.
Jan. 26, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-P, IHi. On a letter of G. H. Laurence to Leonard Swett, recommending William Courteney for a paymastership.

To Edward Bates[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Jan. 28, 1864.

I understand a case will be made to remove Judge Benedict, as a judge in New-Mexico; and if it shall be successful, I have made up my mind to appoint Judge Peter C. Shannon of Penn. to the place, and I wish you to remind me of it.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Walter R. Benjamin, *The Collector*, 1987, Whole Number 921, Item U51. Printed text described as ALS. Judge Kirby Benedict was apparently not replaced by Shannon at this juncture.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I would like for Judge Pirtle to be obliged in this case, if it can be consistently done.

February 5, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 143, printed text described as autograph endorsement on a letter from Judge Henry Pirtle urging appointment for his son, Alfred Pirtle, as assistant adjutant general with the rank of major. There is no record of military appointment for young Pirtle.

To Mrs. J. J. Neagle[1]

[February 13, 1864]

I have carefully read your letter, herewith returned. As I understand it your husbands offense was that he knowingly and willfully helped a rebel to get out of our lines to the enemy to join in fighting and killing our people, and that he did this for love of you. You pretend, nevertheless, that you and he are loyal, and you may really think so, but this is a view of loyalty which it is difficult to conceive that any sane person could take, and one which the government may not tolerate and hope to live—And even now, what is the great anxiety of you and your husband to get to Washington but to get into a better position to repeat this species of loyalty? There is certainly room enough North of the Susquehanna for a great variety of honest occupations.

[1] *Lincoln Lore*, Fort Wayne, Indiana, No. 1781, July, 1987, p. 4. The text reproduced is taken from the article entitled "The Case of J. J. Neagle: Two Unpublished Lincoln Documents." The text was introduced with the statement:

"Finally, on February 13, 1864, President Lincoln intervened in the case, answering a letter from Mrs. Neagle." See Lincoln's March 1864 endorsement to Stanton, *infra*.

Request of A. M. Hughes[1]

As a boon to Gov. Johnson let this man take the Oath of Dec. 8th, and be discharged.
February 17, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Walter R. Benjamin, *The Collector*, 1980, Whole Number 874, Item N988, printed text described as an ADS on a letter of A. M. Hughes of Columbia, Tennessee, February 13, 1864, handed to Lincoln by Governor Andrew Johnson of Tennessee, requesting the release of Hughes's sixteen-year-old son, prisoner of war at Camp Morton, Indiana.

Endorsement[1]

I forget what it is that I am to do in this case. Will not the same trouble (incurable by me) arise about the oath as in Col. Edwards' case?
Feb. 20, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 185, Item 397. The endorsement is clipped from a file. Colonel Edwards was probably Mary Lincoln's brother-in-law Ninian Wirt Edwards.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War and Gen.-in-Chief with the remark that this seems to be one of the very best recommendations.
Feb. 20, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG94, endorsement on a file of several letters from General Sherman, General Stephen Hurlbut, and others recommending promotion of Colonel Edward Hatch of the 2nd Iowa Cavalry.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War
Feb. 22, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 5, Item 2, printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed on letter of General Thomas L. Price, February 18, 1864, asking release of Levi M. Dixon, prisoner of war.

To Judge White[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Feb. 29, 1864

In relation to your application to allow Mrs. Gains to come within our lines I have to say that for all the facts I know, I should have no great objection to her coming; but that I understand the Secretary of War supposes there is sufficient ground to object, and that I am unwilling to force the matter against his objection....

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 159, Item 110. Printed text described as an autograph letter signed. Judge White and Mrs. Gains have not been identified.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

[March, 1864]

After reading the first of these letters and writing the one signed by myself, Senator Harlan, of Iowa, came with this lady and told me he had become well enough acquainted with the family that he is sure none of them have any designs against the government and that they have been diligent friends and workers for our sick and wounded in the Hospitals, to propose that the husbands parole be enlarged so that he may occasionally visit Washington.

[1] *Lincoln Lore*, Fort Wayne, Indiana, No. 1781, July, 1987, p. 4. The text reproduced is taken from the article entitled "The Case of J. J. Neagle: Two Unpublished Lincoln Documents." See Lincoln's letter dated February 13, 1864, to Mrs. J. J. Neagle, *supra*. Comparing the language in that letter, the author said of the endorsement to Stanton: "But he was soon to show his gentler side. In March, Lincoln wrote the following endorsement." On March 10 Stanton enlarged the parole as proposed by the President.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I believe Dr. Rucker would be very useful with any of our commands in West-Virginia. And if he can, consistently with law and regulations, be placed on Gen. Crook's staff with the rank of Colonel, or any other rank, I desire it to be done.

March 5, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 59, Item 125. Written on a letter of General George Crook to Secretary of War Stanton, February 19, 1864, requesting that Dr. William P. Rucker be given a commission in the volunteer service and stationed in the Kenhawa [Kanawha] Valley.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir: Washington, March 11, 1864

Mrs. L. had a coachman by the name of Daniel Christian, who, some ten days ago was arrested, for constructive desertions as I understand, and who is now at the old Capitol. She needs his services. Please send him to us.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, *Lincoln Lore*, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 1983, No. 1748, p. 1. This letter was excluded from the *Collected Works* originally as a dubious item because nothing could be found about it. The editor of *Lincoln Lore*, Mark E. Neely, has authenticated this letter with his discovery of an order written on March 11, 1864, by Assistant Adjutant General E. D. Townsend to Judge Advocate Levy C. Turner. "The Secretary of War directs Daniel Christian, in the old Capitol prison be discharged from custody, and ordered to report at the Executive Mansion immediately."

To W. F. M. Arny[1]

I shall not be hasty about the matter mentioned. Mr. Perea never asked for your removal, at least, never to me, till very recently; and then only as I understood him, because you have left your post and come here to meddle with him and his business. I only wish now you were at your post attending to its duties.

March 12, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 96, Item 174, on verso of letter from Arny, secretary of New Mexico Territory. Francisco Perea was the delegate to Congress from New Mexico Territory.

Autograph Endorsement[1]

Excellent recommendations.

March 17, 1864. A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, Kenneth W. Rendell Catalogue 96, Item 173. The endorsement appears on the verso of an autographed letter written by General William T. Sherman recommending Colonel J. D. Bruce of the 20th Kentucky Infantry. Grant had written his concurrence on the letter.

Parole for Lieutenant Beatty[1]

Let Lieut. Beatty be paroled, and bailed to his uncle, Judge Bowie of Maryland.
March 23, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 182, Item 397. Described as cut from a letter. Judge Bowie was probably Walter W. Bowie.

To William H. Seward[1]

It is said there may be a vacancy in the Consulship at Callao; & if there shall be, and the Sec. of State is willing, so am I, that Mr. DeLong may have the place.
March 30, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 77, Item 238.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I think Bishop Simpson should be appointed a Visitor at West Point.
April 1, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5187, May 23, 1984, Item 214. Printed text described as an autograph document inscribed on one side of a small card. This Methodist bishop, Matthew Simpson, preached Lincoln's funeral eulogy in Springfield a year later.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Would be obliged if something satisfactory could be done for Capt. Shimmel.
April 4, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, The Rendell Review 5, p. 7. Heitman lists August Schimmel as "capt aqm vols 19 Feb 1862." Lincoln's spelling in error.

To Mary Elizabeth Smith[1]

I can not discharge this man now.
April 9, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-P, DLC. Mary Elizabeth Smith had appealed further for her brother, Thomas Washington Smith, imprisoned at Fort McHenry. See further Lincoln to General Lewis Wallace, June 8, 1864, *infra*.

To Joseph Holt[1]

Application denied
April 21, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi. Lincoln's endorsement appears below a recommendation from Joseph Holt, judge advocate general, to grant the application by the mother of "recently deceased" Lieutenant E. C. Allen asking that the stigma of his sentence by court martial be removed from his record.

Endorsement Concerning Elijah C. Brown[1]

Let this boy take the oath of Dec. 8th and be discharged.
April 23, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi. Lincoln's endorsement appears on the back of a letter from Joseph T. Eccles to A. L. Knapp, requesting the release of a young rebel prisoner, Elijah C. Brown.

To Henry W. Benham[1]

Executive Mansion,
Gen. Benham: Washington, April 29, 1864.

Let execution of James Grey and Thomas Cusick, privates in the 15th N.Y. Engineers, be suspended until Friday 6th of May.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 315.

To an Unnamed Correspondent[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, May 7, 1864

I would give a sentiment, but just now I am not in a sentimental mood.

A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet (London) Catalogue, December 17, 1979, Item 67. Printed text described as an autograph letter signed.

To William H. Seward[1]

Come over & see me a moment.
May 10, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 82, May 1985, Item 36. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on a letter from Secretary of State William H. Seward asking "if there is nothing special for the cabinet, I pray to work in the department to-day...."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion,
Hon. Sec. of War May 23, 1864

I understand that Col. Byron R. Pierce, of 3rd Michigan is, by assignment, commanding a Brigade. If this is so, send me a nomination for him as a Brigadier General.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 96, Item 15. Pierce received his appointment three weeks later.

To Henry Bill[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, June 1, 1864

Allow me to return my cordial thanks for your kindness in sending me a copy of Mr. Abbott's History of the Civil War....

1 Paul C. Richards Catalogue 133, Item 85. This is a partial text only, described as manuscript letter signed. Henry Bill of Norwich, Connecticut, had sent a copy of John S. C. Abbott's *The History of the Civil War in America*, the first volume (1863) of which contained an engraved frontispiece portrait of Lincoln. The second volume was not published until 1866.

To Major General Lewis Wallace[1]

Major Gen. Wallace, Executive Mansion,
Baltimore, Md. Washington, June 8, 1864

If you will examine the case of Thomas Washington Smith, now in prison at Fort McHenry, and can recommend his discharge, on terms, or unconditionally, I will probably follow your recommendations.
A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, DLC. This photocopy is preserved in the Lincoln case file in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, along with a manuscript narrative explaining the background of three Lincoln items involving Mary Elizabeth Smith. According to the narrative, Thomas Washington Smith was finally released from prison in July 1864.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Hon. Sec. of Navy — Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir — Washington, June 10, 1864

Please see Mr. Brandegee, and if one of my Naval School appointments is still open, without changing the direction I gave the other day, let him have it for T. T. Wood.

Yours truly — A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, IHi. Theodore Talbot Wood entered Annapolis Naval Academy in the fall of 1864. Augustus Brandegee was a Republican representative from Connecticut and chairman of the House Naval Committee.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If there be vacancy in Gen. Sherman's army & he will recommend Col. Stanley for it, let him be appointed at once.

June 11, 1864 — A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 144. Lincoln's endorsement is on a letter from Senator John Sherman of Ohio dated June 11, 1864. Further endorsements by General Sherman and General George H. Thomas concur. Even with this list of backers, Stanley failed to win the commission.

Parole for Agustus Powell[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, June 13, 1864

Allow John M. Powell, bearer of this, to have custody of his son, Agustus Powell, now a prisoner of war at Alton, he John M. Powell, being responsible for the good behavior of the son, & for his return, if required.

A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 319. The letter carries an additional referral from Edwin M. Stanton to General Hitchcock as directed by the president.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let the order of dismissal in this case be revoked and the resignation accepted, as of the same date of the dismissal.
June 15, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3748, April 30, 1975, Item 39. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on the verso of a request by Gardiner for immediate unconditional resignation. Gardiner has not been identified.

Pass for Miss Anna Tutt[1]

Allow Miss Anna Tutt to pass Alexandria, with ordinary baggage only, and go to her parents in Culpeper Co, Va.
June 15, 1864. A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Joseph M. Maddalena, Catalogue 5, Item 35. According to the source, Miss Tutt was visiting in St. Joseph, Missouri, when the war began.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I have asked Mr. Swett to have a full talk with the Sec. of War in this case.
June 20, 1864, A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, IHi. Lincoln's endorsement is on the verso of a letter from Governor Richard Yates of Illinois, June 10, 1864, stating: "It is in my judgment absolutely necessary to have a District Commander for the State of Illinois. The State Register was attacked by a mob night before last--and something is continually occurring to require the presence of such an officer...." Leonard Swett probably carried this communication to Lincoln and thence to Stanton.

To Ethan Allen Hitchcock[1]

Gen. Hitchcock please see & hear Major Willis, who wants to procure a special exchange if possible. Please see and hear him.
June 24, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, The Rendells Catalogue 122, Item 125. Heitman does not list a Major Willis.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I will be obliged if the Secretary of War can consistently grant the furlough requested.
June 25, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA, Adjutant General's Office, U.S. Military Academy Letters from the Secretary of War to Chief of Engineers, written on the verso of a letter to John P. Usher from T. U. Marshall asking that his son, a cadet at West Point, James M. Marshall, be given a furlough.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir: Washington, June 29, 1864

Please discharge on his taking the oath the one prisoner of war, whom Mr. Ingersol will name, for that purpose.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

The person whom I name is Morris Finks, known on the roll of the Com. Genl. of Prisoners if I mistake not as David Stocionski now at Rock Island Ill.
E. C. INGERSOL

[1] ALS-F, Robert F. Batchelder Special Catalogue 25, Item 15.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War.
July 4, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 42, Item 66. On a letter from Captain E. W. Dennis to Colonel Amasa Cobb, seeking appointment as major and A.A.G. of volunteers. Dennis was appointed judge advocate of volunteers in January 1865.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I believe I need no escort, and unless the Sec. of War directs, none need attend me.
July 4, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 145. This endorsement appears on a letter from Lieutenant James Jameson, Camp Todd headquarters, July 3, 1864.

Pass for Congressman J. M. Ashley[1]

Allow Hon. J. M. Ashley to pass to and visit Gen. Grant's Head Quarters.
July 9, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 58, Item 214. Ashley was a congressman from Ohio.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Recommendation of Gen. Grant approved.
July 16, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 109, Item 156. Lincoln's endorsement is penned below Stanton's "Respectfully referred to the President" on a letter from General Grant and numerous testimonials by other officers as to the conduct of Brigadier General J. H. Hobart Ward at the battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse--drunkenness and misconduct, which General Grant specifies it is "impractical to convene a court martial for" and recommends that "the accused be mustered out of service."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

James Turley . . . resides at Sterling, Ky. I personally know many of the family to which he belongs, as very worthy and respectable people. Let him be appointed an Assistant Quarter-Master, if his service can be made useful in his region.
July 18, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 146. Printed text, the endorsement is described as on a testimonial signed by residents of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, commenting on the undoubted loyalty of James Turley.

Endorsement Concerning D. D. T. Gordon[1]

Please send by bearer the papers in the case of Capt. D. D. T. Gordon.
July 23, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 41, Item 307, printed text described as a letter signed.

To W. H. Philip[1]

W. H. Philip. Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir Washington, July 29, 1864

I have seen your Bust of Secretary Seward, and think it very good; though I must add that I do not consider myself a good judge in such matters.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS, owned by Mrs. Myrtle Johnston and Mrs. Leonard Stevens, Ossining, New York.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If compliance with Gen. Emory's recommendation be practicable, let the appointment be made. I have an impression that I have before written the same thing in the same case.

August 3, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-P, IHi. Endorsement written on a letter from General W. H. Emory recommending Captain Duncan Walker to be promoted to adjutant general.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I have not heard of any purpose to evacuate New-Bern; nevertheless I submit these papers on the subject, to the Secretary of War.

August 3, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 148. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed on a letter from General Innis N. Palmer, Union commander at New Bern, North Carolina.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War.

August 11, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 149. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on a letter from General Alpheus S. Williams to the secretary of war recommending promotion of a Colonel Ezra A. Carman of New

Jersey. Carman received no promotion at this time, but was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers in March 1865.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, August 12, 1864

The above, written by a very good man, is submitted to the Secretary of War.

[1] AES-F, Sotheby's Catalogue 5575, May 13, 1987, Item 92. Described as written below a letter from F. H. Baldwin addressed to the president on executive mansion stationery written in pencil. Baldwin sought the transfer or promotion of his brother, Henry Moore Baldwin. There is no record that he received the promotion.

Orders for John Hay[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, August 12, 1864

Major John Hay will proceed to Keokuk, Iowa, and having executed my verbal instructions will return to his station here.

A. LINCOLN

[1] LS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 322. This document is in the handwriting of John Hay but is signed by Lincoln.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

There could scarcely be better recommendations than the within; & if the Sec. of War sees no objections, let the Brevt. appointment be made.

August 13, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5379, October 31, 1985, Item 150. Printed text described as an autograph endorsement signed on a copy of a letter from Major General James B. McPherson, commander at Vicksburg, November 22, 1863.

To Ethan Allen Hitchcock[1]

Will Gen. Hitchcock please see & hear the bearer, Mr. Christopher, who is amply endorsed, & wants a special exchange.
August 16, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Daniel F. Kelleher Catalogue 553, Item 323, written on a small card.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, August 19, 1864

Major Morton McMichael desires that his son Major William McMichael may be relieved from duty at Chattanooga and ordered to report to Major General Cadwallader in Pennsylvania. He is a staff officer and not commanding troops. Please have the order made in due form.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 13, Item 176, printed text described as autograph letter signed. Major Morton McMichael was mayor of Philadelphia.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War,

Please see the bearer & have his case fairly examined, whose loss in our service certainly entitles him to so much.
Aug. 20, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Carnegie Book Shop Catalogue 36, Item 437. A printed text described as ANS on a card.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Let Charley Doxtator (an Indian) private in . . . 14 Wisconsin Volunteers, be discharged.
September 2, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4179, Item 498, printed text of autograph signed endorsement described as on the verso of a letter to the president from Oneida, Wisconsin, signed by the marks of four Oneida Indian chiefs, asking the release of a member of their tribe.

To Lewis Wallace[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, September 12, 1864

Hear the complaint of these ladies--Mrs. Jane A. Moore and Miss Jane B. Moore--and investigate the case and report upon it.

[1] Sotheby's (London) Catalogue, July 23-24, 1987, Item 402. Printed text described as autograph letter signed, addressed to Major General Lewis ("Lew") Wallace.

Concerning Mr. Carpenter[1]

I certainly have not intimated or intended to appoint Mr. Carpenter to any office.
September 13, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby's Catalogue 5447, April 23, 1986, Item 90. Printed text described as an autograph note signed on a small card.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If the Secretary of War concurs, let Major Heath be authorized to raise the regiment.
Sept. 17, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 16, Item 133. Described as written on a letter of Judge Mark W. Delahay, recommending that Major H. H. Heath raise a regiment of veterans in Kansas.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

I would like for Mr. Janney, who I know to be one of our best men, to be obliged in this matter. Will the Sec. of War please see & hear Mr. Janney?
September 27, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 12, Item 76, printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on the verso of a letter from Henry Janney of Washington asking that Lincoln order his son, Joseph Janney, now "Orderly Sergeant of Company C Purnell Legion to special duty in Washington." Stanton has written beneath Lincoln's endorsement: "There is no special duty to which he can be assigned. E. M. Stanton."

To Gideon Welles[1]

Hon. Sec. of the Navy, Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir. Washington, Sep. 29, 1864

About a year & half ago I *almost*, if not *quite* promised Mr. Barney Williams that his nephew James Kelly should be sent to the Naval School. I shall be really obliged if you can now find a place to put him in. If not now, let it be done as soon as it can be.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-P, IHi. Kelly was appointed at large by the president on October 5, 1864.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Hon. Sec. of Navy

Please see and hear Gen. Hitchcock who has just returned from Johnson's Island.

October 2, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] The Rendells Catalogue 125, Item 85. Printed text. Ethan Allen Hitchcock was commissioner for the exchange of war prisoners and Commissary General of Prisoners.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Will the Sec. of War please see & hear the bearer?

Oct. 4, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 58, Item 215. No further information contained in catalog.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Hon. Sec. of Treasury

Please see & hear this lady who wants employment.

Oct. 17, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ANS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 139, Item 142. Four lines on a small sheet cut from another document.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Sec. of War please give this man the proper directions to apply for leave to go home to vote.
Oct. 22, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] M. and S. Rare Books Catalogue 39, Item 225, printed text, described as "autograph card."

To Caleb B. Smith[1]

Petition for removal of W. H. Tenney as Police Commissioner. Filed.
October 31, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG48.

James M. Trippe[1]

I shall be really gratified if Capt. William F. Gordon, now in Fort Delaware can be exchanged for Capt. Trippe within named.
Oct 31, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 196, Item 359. This endorsement is written on a letter from James Trippe to C. M. Parkman, October 25, 1864, stating that his son, Captain James M. Trippe, "is now confined in Libby Prison, or was as late as last Wednesday morning the 19th inst. He is capt. in the 39th New York Vols., First Division, Second Corps."

To Mrs. Orestes Brownson[1]

Executive Mansion,
To Mrs. Brownson. Washington, Nov. 2. 1864
With the best wishes of a friend.
Yours very sincerely, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, *A Gallery of Distinguished English and American Female Poets*, published by E. H. Butler and Company of Philadelphia. Lincoln's autograph appears in this volume, which was sold by Mrs. Orestes Brownson at a sanitary fair. It is written at the top of a page that also contains lines from Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in her autograph.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Secretary of War
Nov. 5, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG107, on verso of a letter from Private Charles I. Cromise, Company M, 22nd New York Cavalry, disabled in battle, asking for a clerkship.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Would be glad to do it if convenient.
November 7, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG94, on a letter of Governor John Gregory Smith recommending promotion of Brigadier General George J. Stannard of Vermont.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Upon this boy taking the oath of Dec. 8, 1863, and also an oath that he will remain in Ohio during the war, let him be discharged.
Nov. 9, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 1985, Item 21. This endorsement has been clipped from the attendant file.

Endorsement Concerning Marion L. Nichols of Michigan Cavalry[1]

Let Private Marion L. Nichols of Michigan Cavalry be returned to his regiment, & upon condition of future good conduct be pardoned for his desertion.
[November 10, 1864] A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet (Los Angeles) Catalogue 183, November 8-16, 1975, Item 408. Printed text described as AES written on a letter dated November 10, 1864, from Marion L. Nichols, placing himself at Lincoln's mercy: "I will appear on the grounds at the rear of the Capitol. You can send a guard after me if you choose."

To Provost-Marshal General[1]

Executive Mansion,
Provost-Marshal General, Washington, Nov. 12, 1864.

I shall approve whatever you may do about draft in Clearfield County Pa, and about which Hon. Mr. Schofield & Hon. Mr. Patton talked with you today.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 38, Item 88. John M. Schofield and John Patton were representatives from Pennsylvania.

To Salmon P. Chase[1]

Will the Sec. of the Treasury please see & hear this young lady?
November 17, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3875, May 18, 1976, Item 324. Printed text described as AES detached from a letter written by Miss Mollie Rhodes applying for a position in the Treasury Department.

To Charles A. Dana[1]

Will Mr. Dana report to me what John O. Brien, in Central Zervia[?] House is imprisoned for?
Nov. 22, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 183, Item 396. This endorsement is penned on a portion of an envelope removed from the file.

Pass for Thomas M. Thornton and William W. Thornton[1]

Allow Thomas M. Thornton and William W. Thornton to visit William F. T. Basye, at Johnson's Island, and Newton Basye at Camp Chase.
Nov. 22, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 133, December 11, 1980.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

December 1, 1864

Hon. George F. Miller MC elect for the Harrisburg District has a son Daniel B. Miller--who for a long time has been acting Commissary of Subsistence, now wishes the appointment for him, with rank of captain.... Let him be appointed.

[A. LINCOLN]

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3841, February 24, 1976, Item 314. Printed text described as an ALS. The appointment was made December 12, 1864.

Endorsement Concerning Benson J. Lossing[1]

I shall be obliged for Mr. Lossing to have every facility consistent with the public service.

December 7, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 4315, November 28, 1979, Item 214, endorsement on the bottom of a letter from Charles A. Dana, assistant secretary of war, giving Lossing, historian, permission to visit the battlefields.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War Executive Mansion,
Sir. Washington, Dec. 10, 1864

This morning the Rhode Island Delegation, and Gen. Wright, called and asked that Col. Charles H. Tompkins, be made a Brigadier General. They show an excellent recommendation from Gen. Sedgwick, and Gen. Wright says Col. Tompkins is now his chief of Artillery, and if appointed he can assign him a command. Let the appointment be made, unless there by some valid objection known at the Department.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] ALS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 1985, Item 307. General Horatio G. Wright's recommendation and also General John Sedgwick's specified that Colonel Tompkins was his chief of artillery and that Wright could assign him a command.

A Pass for Dr. Peter Kahler[1]

Let this man come right in.
Dec. 12, 1864 A. LINCOLN

1 ADS, written on a small card found in a family Bible owned by Christine Leightner and Ethel Holtz of Severna Park, Maryland. Dr. P. Kahler was a surgeon chiropodist who made boots and shoes for Lincoln. Accounts of his work for President Lincoln appear in Charles O. Kahler, *Surgical Chiropody*, privately printed, New York, 1904, and in Gabor S. Boritt, *How Big Was Lincoln's Toe? or Finding a Footnote*, Lincoln Memorial Shrine, Redlands, California, 1989.

To William H. Seward[1]

Sec. of State please report to me on this case.
Dec. 12, 1864 A. LINCOLN

1 ADS-F, Joseph Rubinfine Catalogue 82, Item 43, written on a small card apparently removed from the file.

To Amos Tuck[1]

Hon. Amos Tuck Executive Mansion,
My Dear Sir, Washington, Dec. 16, 1864

I desire not to interfere with things not belonging to me; but I am so far impressed in favor of Charles C. Woodman as to say that if there shall be a change in the office of Deputy Naval Officer, I would be pleased with his appointment provided always it would be agreeable to the Sec. of the Treasury and to you.

Yours truly A. LINCOLN

1 ALS, Dartmouth College. For a complete account of this letter and all correspondence between Lincoln and Tuck see Franklin Brooks, "The Lincoln Years in the Papers of Amos and Edward Tuck," *Dartmouth College Library Bulletin* 21 (April 1981): 62-75.

Approval of General Sherman's Order[1]

If the within be a genuine order, or copy of a genuine order of Gen. Sherman, I approve it.
December 20, 1864 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, R. M. Smythe Manuscript Society Catalogue, May 27, 1989. Item 197. Endorsement has been clipped and mounted between photographs of Lincoln and Sherman.

To Daniel E. Sickles[1]

Will Gen. Sickles please call at 9 A.M. Friday?
January 5, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Carnegie Book Shop Catalogue 371, Item 181. Sickles was not on active service at the time due to the loss of a leg at Gettysburg.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Hon. Sec. of War
Please see the bearer, and if admissible under the law and regulations, do what is within requested.
Jan. 6, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, James Lowe Catalogue 30, Item 110. This autograph is written on a letter from Major General John Pope, Headquarters Department of the Northwest, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 23, 1864, recommending that the bearer, Lieutenant S. L. Conde, New York Volunteers, who is under orders to proceed to join his regiment at Petersburgh, Virginia, be appointed assistant adjutant general of volunteers with the rank of captain and ordered to duty in his department. The Army Register indicates no staff commission for Lieutenant Conde at this time.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Will the Sec. of the Navy please have a report of this case made to me?
January 10, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG45, on petition in behalf of Private William S. Cagney of the Marine Corps, convicted of having "spiritous liquors" on board a naval vessel. See further under date January 13, 1865, *infra*.

Pardon for Private Cagney[1]

Let Private Cagney be relieved from further punishment.
Jan. 13, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES, DNA RG45, Naval Records Collection. These endorsements concerning Cagney appear in the papers relating to the case of William S. Cagney, entry 142, Miscellaneous Case Files, vol. 7, items 58-58 1/2.

To William P. Fessenden[1]

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Jan. 13, 1865

Send me a nomination for _____ Ridgely (former incumbent) to be Collector of Internal Revenue, in the Congressional District of Maryland now represented by Hon. _____ Webster, in place of _____ Stewart, present incumbent of the office.

1 Walter R. Benjamin, *The Collector*, 1986, Whole Number 911, Item T-78, partial printed text, described as ALS. Fessenden had succeeded Chase as secretary of the treasury. This Ridgely was probably James Lot Ridgely, and Webster was probably Edwin Hansen Webster, representative from Maryland at this time. Stewart is unidentified.

To Edwin M. Stanton [1]

Submitted to the Secretary of War.
January 21, 1865 A. LINCOLN

1 AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 28, Item 192. Described as on the last page of a letter from Governor John A. Andrew of Massachusetts recommending brevet Brigadier General Horace B. Sargent for "any position that can use a cultivated mind, as he was too badly wounded to continue his services in the field."

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

If the service is needed, let the appointment be made.
Jan. 23, 1865 A. LINCOLN

1 AES-F, James Lowe Autographs Catalogue 37, Item 66. The endorsement appears on a letter from Congressman John H. Hubbard of Connecticut recommending appointment of Charles B. Stevens as assistant quartermaster of volunteers.

Pass for James A. Gray[1]

Allow the bearer, James A. Gray (if Gen. Ord approves) to pass our lines with ordinary baggage, & if he chooses, return with his family.
Jan. 27, 1865 A. LINCOLN

1 ADS, owned by Raymond F. McNally, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri.

To Ethan Allen Hitchcock[1]

Will Gen. Hitchcock please see & hear fully this lady. This is rather a special request.
January 28, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] Carnegie Book Shop Catalogue 359, Item 309. Printed text described as an autograph note signed on a card.

To Gideon Welles[1]

Hon. Secy. of the Navy. Executive Mansion,
Sir. Washington, February 9th, 1865
You are hereby authorized to dispose of Robert T. Ford as you think fit.
Yours truly, A. LINCOLN

[1] DNA RG45, certified copy. Communication is written on the parole of honor signed by Robert T. Ford of Carol Parish in the state of Louisiana. It is in a file of letters from and in relation to blockade runners.

Recommendation for a Boy[1]

This boy wants to work & I shall be glad if any Department or Bureau can give him the chance.
[Feb. 10, 1865] [A. LINCOLN]

[1] Swann Galleries Catalogue 1299, Item 244. Printed text described as autograph note signed on the verso of a cut letter.

To Joseph Holt[1]

Papers pertaining to the cases mentioned this morning.
Feb. 11, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 48, Item 9. Concerning the cases mentioned, see *C.W.*, VIII, 224 and 303.

To Whom It May Concern[1]

Allow Mrs. J. K. Dougherty of Clay County, Missouri, to remain in New Jersey so long as she does not misbehave.
Feb. 17, 1865 A. LINCOLN

1 ADS-F. The facsimile of the original from the collection of William R. Colman has been printed by Burck's Press of San Bernardino, California. Mrs. Dougherty's husband, John Kerr Dougherty, was in the Confederate Army and was killed at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee.

To Whom It May Concern[1]

Washington, D.C.
February 21, 1865

To whom it may concern

Colonel J. F. Jaquess, of the Seventy-Third Regiment Illinois Volunteers, has been on private duty under my direction since the 18th of May last. His services have been of great value to the country.

A. LINCOLN

1 Senate Report 213, June 14, 1870, to accompany the bill before the Committee on Military Affairs to which was referred the bill for relief of Colonel James F. Jaquess.

Pardon for William Elliot Arnold[1]

February 24, 1865

Let this be done.

A. LINCOLN

1 Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 13, Item 20. Printed text described as an endorsement signed on the front of a letter to Lincoln from Rhode Island Senators H. B. Anthony and William Sprague, asking that William Elliot Arnold be granted executive clemency. He was a prisoner of war at Point Lookout and the son of former Rhode Island senator Samuel G. Arnold, to whom he was to report.

Pass for Mr. Blevens[1]

Allow Mr. Blevens to see Capt. Powell & Capt. Bean, prisoners of war at Fort Delaware.

Feb. 25, 1865 A. LINCOLN

1 ADS-F, Paul C. Richards Catalogue 218, Item. 8.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Sec. of War.

Feb. 27, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] AES-F, Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 42, Item 292. Written on an envelope of the American Telegraphy Company containing a letter from William McSheell to Secretary of the Interior John P. Usher, asking him to see whether General Allen's promotion has been sent up for confirmation. The Allen referred to might be Quartermaster General Robert Allen, brigadier general, U.S. Army, who was brevetted major general early in March.

To G. B. Wooldridge[1]

This is Mrs. Lincoln's party.
March 3, 1865. A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Charles Hamilton Catalogue 81, Item 284. G. B. Wooldridge was doorkeeper in charge of the diplomatic gallery in the House of Representatives.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Submitted to the Secretary of War.
March 6, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] Robert F. Batchelder Catalogue 41, Item 308. Printed text described as autograph endorsement signed on a letter from General Philip H. Sheridan to General Lorenzo Thomas asking that his staff officer, Captain Thomas Moore, A.D.C., be appointed assistant adjutant general with the rank of major.

Pass for Mrs. Hall[1]

Allow the bearer, Mrs. Hall, with ordinary baggage, to pass our lines via Acquia Creek, to Fredericksburg or Richmond and return.
March 9, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 81, Item 185. Printed text, described in the source as ANS penned on a card.

Endorsement For a Good Old Man[1]

The writer of the enclosed presented it in person—a venerable looking, and I should think a good old man.
March 11, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] Charles Hamilton Catalogue 82, Item 82. Printed text, described as an autograph note signed.

To Edwin M. Stanton[1]

Will the Sec. of War please allow Hon. G. S. Boutwell bring me papers in the case of Timothy Pearson.
March 13, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, James Lowe Catalogue 36, Item 93, written on a small card.

Pass for Miss Laura Jones[1]

Allow the bearer, Miss Laura Jones, to pass our lines, with ordinary baggage & go south.
March 17, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, taken from an unidentified dealer's catalogue.

Endorsement Concerning James H. Bradford[1]

I shall be very glad indeed for Captain Bradford to be obliged as he within requests so far as it can be done consistently with the public service.
April 9, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] Sotheby-Parke-Bernet Catalogue 3748, April 30, 1975, Item 40. Printed text described as tipped to the lower portion of a contemporary retouched photograph.

Pass for Mrs. Dr. Stone and Mrs. Gittings and a Gentleman Escort[1]

Allow the bearers, Mrs. Dr. Stone, Mrs. Gittings, and a gentleman, escort, to pass to Richmond, Va. visit their friends there, and return.
April 14, 1865 A. LINCOLN

[1] ADS-F, Sotheby's Catalogue, October 31, 1984, Item 145. The ladies were wives of Robert K. Stone and John S. Gittings.

[END OF SECOND SUPPLEMENT]