

Springfield, Feb. 3rd 1841

Dear Stuart:

You see by this, that I am
neither dead, nor quite crazy yet -
The same everlasting subject - that of filling
offices - is the one that now induces me to write.
And I suppose I may add, that the most ~~con-~~^{is}
nexion branch of that everlasting subject, ~~the~~
one under consideration, that is, the appoint-
ment of Marshall -

If you remember, I now stand on that
question 1st - John Dawson, 2nd - Dr. Edwards, &
I now add 3rd - George W. Thomson (the old Davis
senator). Personally, I have better feeling for none
than for Thomson, and I believe the appointment of
none would be more popular with our friends,
than of him -

Our Judiciary Bill, as it is called, has passed
both Houses of the General Assembly, & only
want the sanction of the Council of Revision
to become a law. It repeals, & all the Cir-
cuit judges out of office, and adds five mem-
bers to the Supreme bench, and sends all the
supreme judges upon the Circuit. The five new
judges will of course be Locos, and they, being a
majority, that balance necessarily becomes a Loco
Congress - All the whig clerks will be removed.

Yours forever.

A. Lincoln