

Springfield, Ills. Jan. 7 1843.

Dear Speed:

It has been a long time since I wrote you last, but you have not been forgotten nevertheless - Hunt called on me yesterday, and as he said by your direction paid me \$79-
State Bank paper, \$ 42 - Shawneetown pa
per, and \$ 2-5 cents silver - What shall I do
with it? - The Nesbitts have let the time
of redemption run out on the land you bought
on their execution, so that the land falls to
you, and the cost is to be paid to the
officers somehow. Van Bergen placed his
debt on Walters in our hands to collect
and pay you - We foreclosed on Walters house
and lots and sold them & bought them in
in your name - This sale, owing to the peculi-
arity of the case, was made without valua-
tion or redemption, so that the property is
now yours absolutely - But we suppose
you would still prefer the money, and
that Walters, (as he is relection Public
Printer) will wish to redeem it - We
therefore suggest the propriety of your signing
the blank document at the end of this

sheet, authorizing Col. Tolson to deed the property to Walters in case he shall redeem it - If he shall not so redeem it, there will be the cost to pay in that case too - It was sold for about \$1200, the amount of Van's debt; but although you are the ostensible purchaser, we have a secret contract with Van that he is purchaser for so much of the purchase money as is over and above what will pay you -

I have just called on Judge Browne & find that he will pay nothing but Quakers warrants, which of course I can not receive - I wish you would direct me to bring a suit ~~and~~ against him at once

Your brother James sent us a note on Bell & Boice, which you had signed to your brother William - Ask James to write me whether we shall sue Boice now that Bell is dead -

Mary is very well and continues her old sentiments of friendship for you - How the married life goes with us I will tell you when I see you here, which I hope will be very soon -

Yours ever friend

A. Lincoln

Of course the order below is not to be used
until Walters pays the money -

Whereas at a sale of Lots 14-15 & 16 in Block 7 in
C. Iles addition to the late town now city of
Springfield Illinois, made by William H.
Elkin as Commissioner under a Decree of the
Sangamon Circuit Court, I became the Purchaser
of said lots, now therefore for value received
of William Walters, I authorize and direct
said Elkin to convey said lots by deed to
said Walters, or to any other person that said
Walters may direct - Witness my hand and
seal this day of A.D. 1843.

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