

Washington, Feb. 16. 1848

Dear Merriman:

Your letter, asking me to procure
passports, has been received - I have just been
to Mr. Buchanan, who turned me over to an under-
strapper, which understrapper, suspended the applica-
tion on the ground that the affidavit of
the applicant is not sufficient evidence of
naturalization - He gave me a printed circular
showing exactly what is to be done, which
I transmit to you, together with some extra copies
to be kept for future use.

Yours truly
A Lincoln -