

Washington March 1, 1848.

Friend Richard:

Your letter of the 12th Feb., together with the petition for a mail route was received last night. Strange it was on the road so long. I shall present the petition, and give it my best attention.

Your second letter was received, and I thought I had answered it.

I am not a candidate for re-nomination or election.

Excuse the shortness of this letter; I am really very much hurried.

Yours as ever

R. J. Thomas,

Virginia,

Ills.

A. Lincoln