

Washington. April 21 - 1848

Dear Ben:

Your letter, which I herewith return, was received two days ago - On yesterday I went to the Patent office with it, made the memorandum on it which you see on the back of it, and left it - Last night they returned it to me, with no other answer, than the pencil notes at the top and bottom of it, which ^{see} you - I return the letter, because I suppose you will understand their notes better by seeing them, than you ^{could} by my writing about them -

Yours as ever.
A Lincoln

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