

Washington, Jan. 27-1849-

My dear Sir:

Your letter, in relation to the office of Marshall, was received last night. You are not mistaken, in so far as you may suppose, I entertain the strongest personal friendship for you; but I have more than one application for the same office, before you, appealing to my feelings in the same way - I know not what control of this matter may fall into my hands; and I can only say now that I will lay your letter by, and, when the time comes, give your claim, among others, that consideration, which is due to impartiality, fairness, and friendship -

Yours as ever  
A. Lincoln -