

Chester Illinois Jan'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1849

Dear Lincoln

I have rec<sup>d</sup>. a letter, from our Mutual friend  
Benjamin Bond, who desires me to recommend him, for the  
office of Marshall of the District of Illinois. You know  
"Ben" as well as I do, and you must know that his is  
peculiarly fitted for such an office; and I have no  
hesitation in saying to you, that his Appointment, would  
give ~~universal~~ universal satisfaction to the Whigs of this part of  
the State. Any Assurances that you may render him,  
will be held in grateful remembrance, by our Whig friends.

I have other matters, about which to write, but  
as you may have to use this letter, I will defer them  
and write again, in a few days.

Hon. A. Lincoln  
Washington City

Your friend  
H. B. Servant



No 29

Marshal Illinois.

1849.

Bond Benjamin.

Recommended by

R. B. Servant of  
Chester Illinois.