

Shawneetown Jan 19th 1849
Hon A. Lincoln,

Dear Sir, I have a matter of
which I dare say you are already apprized
to urge upon you, if consistant with
your feelings, and that is the appointment
application of our friend Andrew Mc
Callen Esq. of Hardin County, to be
Marshal of the new Territory of Califor-
nia, He was a member of our State Con-
vention, from this County & Hardin,
a year ago last Summer and was
our Candidate in the South here for Taylor
Elector, and as such acquitted him-
self with great credit, You probably
became acquainted with him, at
Springfield, during the setting of
the Convention, and if so I am
sure you could not fail to have
formed a favorable opinion of
him, He is a gentleman, and in my
sincere opinion, every way qualified
to fill that important office in the
~~new~~ new State or Territory, which
where good sense and energy will be
highly necessary. As for integrity and

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Honor, no man stands higher of my acquaintance, He has made up his mind to emigrate to California at any rate, in order to repair his fortunes (somewhat injured by mercantile losses in this country) and if he could go with this cognomen of Marshal, it would be gratifying to him and his friends, and would insure a good support to his family young and increasing as it is.

I have a rumor that Col. Baker is now at Washington and if so I beg you will shew this letter to him, and I would be happy if he should find himself free to aid Mr. McCallen to get this appointment. Let me assure you and him that Mr. McCallen is our favorite, in all Southern Illinois, for whatever office he may want from a Whig administration, he has faithfully earned. some such promotion.

Improving in my health & hoping you keep yours in these scary times,

(From Cholera) I remain your friend &c

Henry Eddy,

The above I have just copied to send to you
John W. Norton,