

P. O. Help

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1849

Dear Sir,

A pair of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>ts</sup> has been rec<sup>d</sup> enclosing me  
a Bill of the House No 682 relieving Martin O.  
Walker from the penalty imposed upon him  
by this Department some ten or twelve years ago  
for entering into a combination of the Department  
about of the Lettings - I have no doubt that Mr.  
Walker has been for years extensively engaged in Mail  
Transportation as a secret partner of Companies  
in other names & that he is so, at this time -  
He has now the Character of an efficient Contractor &  
is represented to have maintained for years past  
the Character of an upright & an honorable  
man - if he should be relieved from the penalty  
he could then bid & contract in his own name  
& might probably, would produce a competition  
for the mail service, that could not fail to  
be beneficial to the service in the North West -

At the last session of Congress, I urged upon some  
of the Members of the Committee of P. O. Affairs  
the propriety of amending the penalty  
with a view to the creation of competition  
in that section of the Union where  
it is much needed

Yours respectfully

W. D. Smith

Johnson

Hon A Lincoln

W. D. Smith

P. T. Rip

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1849

Dear Sir

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> has been rec'd & I am sorry  
 to hear that you are not well. I have  
 written you the enclosed copy of  
 by the Department some ten or twelve years ago  
 in relation to a combination of the Department  
 of the feelings - I have no doubt that  
 it has been for years a source of regret & a  
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 to be the character of efficient laborer &  
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 for the mail service that would not fail to  
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