

Springfield, Ill
 Jan'y. 19. 1849.

Dear Lincoln,

I am here for a few days. trying
 to get the terms of Court properly arranged - Will
 you continue to practice Law, or will you
 take some appointment under the administration
 - If the Land office ~~was~~ would suit you
 there is nothing would please me better personally
 than to see you supersede Judge Young -
 However, you must judge about these
 things -

Our friend Coley ~~is~~ ^{is} going to California, is off
 for California, provided he can get
 an Indian Agency - I sincerely hope that
 he may succeed - He seems to me peculiarly
 fitted for such an agency, in his tempera-
 -ment, & general character.

As he interferes
 with nothing in the State, I presume
 you will not hesitate to aid him all
 in your power -

Wishing him success, &
 you, whatever position - if any - you
 may desire, I remain

Truly yr friend
 D Davis



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My dear Mother

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Leon A Lincoln

Washington City

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Indian Agency

California

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Wm. Stewart

Providence

& David