

Springfield Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1849

Now Sir

Being desirous to annex myself to  
the U. S. Army. I would beg that you  
honor me with your nomination as Cadet  
at West Point, if you have no prior Engage-  
ment. Or if the vacancy of this District is  
not filled your attention to this will receive  
the warmest thanks of

Now. A Lincoln  
M. C.

Yours with high Respect  
Thos. E. Collins