

Washington, March 11. 1849



Hon: Secretary of State.

Sir:

There are several applicants for the office of U. S. Marshall for the District of Illinois, among the most prominent of whom are Benjamin Bond Esq, of Carlyle, and Thomas Esq, of Galena - Mr Bond I know to be personally every way worthy of the office; and he is very numerously, and most respectably recommended - His papers I send you; and I solicit for his claims a full and fair consideration - Having said thus much, I add that in my individual judgment the appointment of Mr Thomas would be better -

Your obt: Serv^t

A. Lincoln