

Washington, March 10. 1849

Hon: Secretary of the Treasury:

Dear Sir:

John Cram, a clerk in the Treasury of the Post-office Department, at a salary of one thousand dollars only, is an old personal friend of mine, of good character and honorable standing; has filled many places of honor and high responsibility in our state; was induced not a year ago to accept the place he now holds, which he did at some sacrifice, having promised of promotion, which, however, he does not now expect, but wishes to be retained when he is if consistent with your feelings. I bespeak for him as much favor as you can find it consistent to allow. He is a democrat; and I believe no other bad thing can be said of him. I hope politics alone may not be made a ground of removal in the Department; but if it shall, I ask the management for my friend Cram for one year at least. He did not interfere in the late election, as I believe.

Your Obedt Servt
A. Lincoln

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John Green

Clerk of the Auditors Off

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