

Shawmutown May 1<sup>st</sup> 1847



Hon. A Lincoln.

Dear Friend, Having seen  
a Letter from you ~~you~~ to Henry Eddy, Esq  
stating that, the Hon E. D. Baker, and yourself  
had recommended, Andrew McCallen Esq  
for the office of Register, and myself  
for the office of Receiver, at this place,  
and that your recommendations would  
be respected, I regret that all I have at  
this time to offer in return for the  
honor conferred on me by your acceptable  
recommendation, is my sincere thanks—  
with the hope, that an event may occur,  
that will afford me an opportunity  
to repay the obligatory debt of gratitude  
I owe you in honoring me with your favour-  
able commendation for the office of Receiver.

Your obliged humble servant,

John W. Norton