

St. Kin 9 May 1849



Hon A Lincoln ^{sr}

Understanding that the enemies
of J R King of our place have circulated reports
calculated to reproach the Character of said King to wit
that he was a gambler, tipsy and immoral that he had been
indicted at our courts for keeping a gambling House &c
Now the first of these charges are incorrect having been acquai-
-nted with Mr King for some five years I know him to be a
man of good habits both moral and temperate

The last charge arose from this Circumstance Being myself
at that time on the grand Jury; a strict search being made
to find out the offenders who kept gaming houses; Some person
through some ill will against Mr King in this matter alleged
that some few persons (Friends no doubt of Mr King) called
at his room one evening and that they played cards for con-
and said witness believed that the con was redeemed with
money; the grand Jury accordingly found a bill; but the
whole thing looked so malicious its being in his own private
room the court took no notice of it

Respectfully
David Ward