

Lincoln Esq

Alton May 14/49

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th is at hand  
Please accept my acknowledgments for your kindness  
I thought in my last that I mentioned Washington -  
at present my intention is to return to Mexico - but  
I thought it well to make some acquaintances at  
Washington in view of the New Territories - this  
reason is between ourselves -

I find my finances rather hard at present -  
as I have unexpectedly under considerable advances for  
me of your Constituents who has gone to California  
and as I am trying to settle off all claims against  
me - I have therefore ventured upon your  
good feelings so far as to request a little more  
time upon a part of your fee, as I find it  
much easier to pay out than make collections -  
the draft I have no doubt will be duly  
honored - and the note paid - please to  
acknowledge their receipt to me direct to  
Newburyport - Mass - and if it is satisfactory  
let the receipt be in full - if not advise  
me, and I will make it according to your  
desires - I take this liberty as I have large  
collections to make east - and I do not  
know exactly how much I shall have

after discharging present & pressing liabilities  
I have no doubt of being in your  
city at Dec term of N. S. C. Court  
in haste

Yours very truly  
J. M. Chickering

Address -

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