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Springfield, June 8. 1849

Wm. N. Pope:

Dear Sir:

I do not know that it would, but I
can well enough conceive it might embarrass you to now
give a letter recommending me for the General Land
Office. Could you not, however, without embarrassment, or
any impropriety, so far vindicate the truth of history, as
to briefly state to me, in a letter, what you did say
to me last spring on my arrival here from Washington,
in relation to my becoming an applicant for that office?
Having at last concluded to be an applicant, I have
thought it is perhaps due me, to be ~~enabled~~ enabled to
show the influences which brought me to the conclusion — and
on which influence the wishes and opinions ~~of~~ ^{you expressed were not the least}
yours Ob^d serv^t.

A. Lincoln



Mon: N. Pope
Present.