

Friend Lincoln.

As I wish to avoid any annoyance to you, while hastily making preparations for your departure, I take this mode of making known to you my wishes. On account of some private reasons I am very anxious to have the appointment of ^{an} examiner of the Land Offices in the Western States, say some 4 or 5 or more. Sufficient to occupy the summer & fall. It is an office perhaps not applied for yet. I wish to include Wisconsin & Iowa in my range, if I get it at all, and as many more as the department may see proper - You know my qualifications for it. If after that, you have a permanent place for me in your department, assuming ~~that~~ your appointment ~~to the~~ as Comr. as certain, I would accept it with pleasure - and have no doubt, that whatever it may be I am fully competent to the discharge of its duties. But if you have no place for me, I shall be content - I am determined to go east very soon, perhaps in a week - If I do, I will ~~not~~ write you in 4 or 5

days from this time in which time I will know
but, if you receive no letter from me in a week
after your arrival at Washington, and there is any
show for me, you may either write to me or
telegraph to me here at my expense -

It is sometimes advantageous to have a confidential
Clerk, to those persons holding important situations, ~~and~~

If such a one should be needed in your department,
who knows but I may be an important personage for
the situation - One thing I pledge myself to do -

That whatever situation I may obtain all its duties
shall be faithfully performed - I am capable
of most any thing, though I say it myself, at least
any thing I ^{will} undertake to do - Wishing you all
success I hope soon to hear from you -

Yours Truly

Springfield June 10-1849.

Wm Porter

June 28, 1849

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for
Examination of
Land Offices
in the Western
States

Wm. A. Lincoln
Pittsburg

The writer of this is a man of excellent business qualifications, and particularly versed in the business of the Land Office. If he could get the job of examiner as he desires, I should be much gratified. I have no other applicants.
Wm. A. Lincoln