

Washington, June 23. 1849

Wm: J. M. Clayton

Dear Sir:

My friend Martin P. Sweet, will probably be an applicant for some diplomatic appointment. A direct recommendation from me would be in conflict, as I think, with at least one recommendation I have already made, and might be excepted to by other aspirants in that part of <sup>our</sup> the state where I reside. After saying so much, it affords me great pleasure to hear testimony in behalf of Mr Sweet's high merits, intellectually, morally and politically; and to repeat, what I have so often said, that some encouragement should be given to the North Western District of Illinois. I have not any doubt that in that district, Mr Sweet is the favorite, for any appointment ~~to~~ which may be given. —

Your Obedt Servt

A. Lincoln

Letter from  
of Amherst  
Representative  
Congress

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Mr. Adams

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