

Puffalo June 13. 1849



My dear Sir,

Yours of the 5th inst. was rec^d.
this morning.

I think I gave last winter to
Mr. Butterfield of Chicago a letter
recommending him for some place
— it may have been Com. of the
G. L. Office for which I understood
he is a candidate — and I cannot
therefore consistently write for you such
a letter as you desire.

I can know Mr. Butterfield for many
years & have a high opinion of his competence
& should hate therefore to do any thing

which might seem to be opposed to the letter
I am ever
your
dear
friend

Sincerely
yours

Very truly
Yours

J. M. A. All

The Hon
Abraham Lincoln
Washington