Springfield, Ill., July 13, 1849

Dear Gillepsie,

Your letter of the 9th of July in which you manifest some disappointment on your writing directly to you. Taylor have been received by me as Washington. I feel I owe you an apology for not answering it sooner. You commit no sin in writing directly to the President; half the letter, or nearly so, on the subject of appointments are so addressed. The President arranges them and sends them to the department to which they belong respecting. Whether he read the first, or only so far as to ascertain what subject they are on, I know not Cleaver.

Mr. Edwards is angry with my only in which he is wronging me very much. The motive a letter against me in favor of Butterfield which was filed in the Department. Ever since I announced the, I have been a constant of feeling whether to write him a note, and so far, I have remained silent. If he knew of your letter to me of the 9th of July and to the President of the 23rd I suspect he will be angry with you too. But the better others help defend me with him, but I will not beg your interest by letting him know of them. There is
that I write you a separate letter which I wish you to know since I am only now in the act of communicating to you. You will please accept my sincere thanks for the very flattering terms in which you speak of me in your letter to the President, and withdraw the reference to it on my behalf, by which means your letter is now in my possession—

Yours ever,

A. Lincoln