

Springfield, July 19. 1857.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th is received, and I have just been to the Telegraph office with it. The operator, after a long examination, declares that no such despatch ever went from this office— at least, never in the months of February, ^{or March}, last. We then got up a correspondence with the operator at Altoz, who, he says, tells him no such despatch was ever received there that he has seen what purports to be the despatch in the hands of you or your client, and that he will swear he never wrote it.

I do not see that I can do any more.

Yours truly

A. Lincoln

January 23^d

A. Lincoln

July 1857



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25th January 1857.

To Michael McGovern

care of James Lamb.

Springfield Ill 24 Jan 1857.
Your horse is  bad. Cannot
work any longer. He is sick
I don't want to risk him any

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