

Springfield, Ills. Dec: 6. 1854

Hon: Justice McLean.

Sir:

I understand it is in contemplation to displace the present clerk and appoint a new one for the Circuit and District courts of Illinois - I am very friendly to the present incumbent, and both for his own sake, and that of his family, I wish him to be retained so long as it is possible for the Court to do so -

In the contingency of his removal, however, I have recommended William Butler as his successor; and I do not wish what I write now, to be taken as any abatement of that recommendation -

William J. Black, is also an applicant for the appointment; and I write this, at the solicitation of his friends, to say that he is every way worthy of the office; and that, I doubt not, the conferring it upon him, would give great satisfaction -

Your O<sup>b</sup>l<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

A. Lincoln.



Ken M. Lincoln  
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