

Springfield, Feb. 17. 1857

How: J. S. Harris

Dear Sir

You perhaps know that old Esartus Wright^{is} under an indictment, in the Federal court for a supposed perjury in an affidavit to enter graduated lands. He has been twice on trial, and each time a hung jury - first 7 for and 5 against him, and next, equally divided - Judge Treat would approve a dismissal of the prosecution, and so, I understand, would Mr. Allen, the District Attorney, but he does not feel quite authorized to dismiss it, without the approbation of Mr. Street (Solicitor of the Treasury, I suppose) He tells me he has written Mr. Street to that effect, and is a little disappointed in not having received any answer - I am convinced if you would see Mr. Street, and press the matter a little, his approbation would be obtained - Please do so - The poor old man has already suffered more than you or I would to be tried, condemned, and hanged - Logan and I defended him on the first trial, and Col. Mr. Clemons came on with us on the second - I write this with the knowledge and permission of Mr. Allen - To get the thing fixed, I am sure you can -

Your Obedt Servt

A. Lincoln.

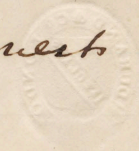
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I heartily concur in the statements and request
contained in the foregoing letter

Your obt. servt.

John A. Mc Clelland

Hon. Thos. L. Harris.



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A. Lincoln
& J. A. McClelland

Springfield February 17, 1837

As to Erectors
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Recd by Sobr. Feby 26, 1837.

F. B. Steeles Esq. Sec. Treas.

The within statement made
by Mr Lincoln & Mr McClelland
both distinguished gentlemen & both
Ex members of Congress for Ills.
I think worthy of favorable
consideration

very respectfully

Thos. L. Harris

am^d & sent to Mr. Allen
Dis. atty Feb. 26, 1837.