

Springfield, Oct. 30. 1858

Edward Lusk, Esq.

Dear Sir

I understand the story is still being told, and insisted upon, that I have been a Know Nothing - I repeat, what I stated in a public speech at Mercedonia, that I am not, nor ever have been, connected with the party called the Know Nothing party, or party calling themselves the American party - certainly no man of truth, and I believe, no man good and active for truth can be found to say as his own knowledge that I ever was connected with that party -

Yours very truly  
A. Lincoln

Saturday Oct 30. 1858.

S. P. Thompson Esq.

Dr Sir.

I saw Mr Lincoln write and sign the above letter. it is genuine - as I have said to Esquire Lusk before. I now repeat that I know that Mr Lincoln never was a member of the American or Know Nothing Party,

Very truly yours  
O. M. Hatch

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