

14 Cortland Street  
New York Dec 16. 1855



Messrs Lincoln & Herndon  
Springfield, Ill

Gentlemen

Your favor of

the 10th inst came to hand yesterday. The  
depositions of the Notary & of the writer have  
been taken before a Commissioner for the  
United States Court, & will be forwarded by  
him this day to the Clerk. It has been  
done under the supervision of our Lawyer and  
we hope will be all you need. It may be  
well to say here, that Cortlandt Palmes of this  
City, & Frederick T. Wallace of Cleveland Ohio,  
& where we also had a Mercantile House, are our  
assignees in Bankruptcy. Hence it appears to  
us that the title of Suit should have been  
C Palmes & F T Wallace, assignees of H H & Co as &c,  
but this may not be material. We  
have this day a letter from Magill declining  
our proposition of the 6th inst. Hence the probability  
is that collection must be enforced.

Respectfully Yours

Hopkins, Mayor Palmes &c  
for assignees