

Springfield, Illinois, Jan^y 25. 1859.

Whom it may concern.

My friend, Mr. Samuel ^{W.} Kett,
the bearer of this, visits the Eastern States,
with some pecuniary objects— Mr. Kett and
myself reside more than a hundred miles
apart; so that I am but little acquaint-
ed with his private affairs— I know
him to have the possession, and appa-
rent ownership, of a large and well
stocked, and improved landed estate.
Besides this, his long established, and
well sustained character for honor and
integrity, does not permit me to doubt
that any representation of his own, will
be strictly correct, and may be safely re-
lied upon—

Abraham Lincoln.