Ottawa Feby 5th 1859



Hon A. Lincoln

Dear Sir

From information that I received Yesterday, I have come to the conclusion that Govr Bissell Will make a New appointment for Canal Trustee in place of Dr Ray. I know of but one person here Who Will be an applicant, besides myself and that is Mr Glover. he Was an applicant two years ago, is the only reason that I suppose he may be on Now. Except that Mr Cook being in the Senate, of Course Will do all he can for his friend - the Republicans of this County have dealt Very Liberally With the friends of Cook & Glover. And for the Good of the party here, they ought Not to insist on the appointment of Mr Glover to this office. The Whig Wing of the republican party ought to have this appointment, it is due to them, and I think if you should be satisfied the Govr has determined to make a New appointment. then to Consult With Mr Cook, and urge him to Let me have the appointment as an Old Whig, and

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for the Union and benefit of the Party here, and particularly for Mr Cook's Political interest that You Could bring about My appointment, at all Events I am Willing to Submit it to You to do as You think Proper. if You Will take any interest in the Case for me.

The Republicans here Can be united on me for this Office if Necessary in order to have any effect on the Election I hope You Will have the Kindness to Write me on the Receipt of this and advise me What You think is for My interest

Yours Truly

R. Thorne

Feb 5, 1859

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