

Lincoln in Politics.

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He handled many difficult men with a kind of humorous shrewdness that appealed to the people as no serious treatment of the cases could have done. The Landingham is a case in point. He had been imprisoned for treasonable utterances; to keep him imprisoned, as a man without a sense of humor would have done, made him a martyr. Lincoln was too clever a politician to do this. He argued quietly that Mr. Landingham sympathised with the South, send him to the South; and Landingham was set down within the rebel lines; he protested loudly against this but there was his utterances saying that he sympathised with the rebels, and there he had to stay. The wit of the manouver appealed to the whole country. When the people begin to laugh at a man his case is lost.

Mr. Lincoln rid himself of Greeley's importunities in much the same way.