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Notes: Life of Abraham Lincoln, Office Seekers

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Lincoln and Office Seekers.

The story was truly Mr. Lincoln's beset in 1890. While the fate of the country was trembling in the balance, he was constantly being called on to solve some question over patronage, to put good men in office, while heeding at the same time what he called "the shrieks of locality." Mr. Bryce tells how a man, meeting Mr. Lincoln on the streets of Washington and noting with alarm his unusually worried and abstracted look, asked anxiously: "What is the matter, Mr. President—has anything serious happened at the front?" "No," replied Mr. Lincoln, warily, "it isn't the war; it's the postoffice at Brownsville, Mo." Very humorous, if summary, was his disposal of a delegation that once called on him to solicit a place as commissioner to the Sandwich Islands for a friend whose chief qualification for the post was that he was in poor health and needed a balmy climate. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Lincoln, kindly but firmly, "I am sorry to say that there are eight other applicants for that place, and they are all sicker than your friend.

Office seeker.  

Burrus,  

Man was nominated for  
preacher  

"and at last word to  

forget you."

Office seeker.  

We said the part like a man getting  

bedpans at one end of the  

house while the other end  

was on fire."

V. A. H. Vol. 4.  

1869

Office seeker.  

Make it on the beginning of Springfield.  

See second letter of April 1.  

Greatly, I may say gravely, disappointed.

VII.  

1873

Letter to Chase—Wend & Greeley join in same  

minding.  

Annually.  

1877

"Shall have to do it."  

V.  

1892

Meigs appointment.  

53.