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Springfield, Ill.
May 31. 1860

Hon. J. R. Giddings.
My good friend.

Your very kind and acceptable letter of the 19th was duly handed me by Mr. Frick. It is indeed most grateful to my feelings that the responsible position assigned me comes without conditions save only such honorable ones as are fairly implied. I am not wanting in the purpose, though I may fail in the strength, to maintain my freedom from bad influence. Your letter comes to my aid in this point most opportunely. May the

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Almighty grant that the cause of truth, justice and humanity shall in no wise suffer at my hands.

Mrs. L. joins me in sincere wishes for your health, happiness and long life.

(Signed) A. Lincoln.

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