Mr. Hamlin helped nominate Mr. Lincoln for President by quietly interposing in the choice of ~~from~~ delegates in Maine and by advising the selection of Mr. Lincoln. The Seward men had expected a solid Maine delegation and were chagrined to find Lincoln had nearly half the delegation. Mr. Lincoln was always very grateful for this and the incident was the beginning of the perfect friendship between Messrs. Lincoln and Hamlin.

When they met, Mr. Lincoln consulted Mr. Hamlin about the Cabinet. See Twelve Americans - Horace Carroll.

Mr. Lincoln consulted with Mr. Hamlin about war, ~~and~~ State measures and also about Foreign affairs. See Carroll in regard to Emancipation Proclamation, the arming of colored troops etc.

Mr. Hamlin was early convinced of McClellan's incompetence to lead, though acknowledging his ability to organize. He was one of the first to urge Mr. Lincoln to retire McClellan and finally as Mr. Lincoln's friend showed him - ~~if~~ that McClellan was whittling him and held him in cheap regard.

Mr. Hamlin was also opposed to Banks and favored Lewis's plan to send troops to Mobile and cut the Confederates in Texas.

Mr. Lincoln often called on Mr. Hamlin to act as the spokesman of the Administration and as his

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personal representative o vote the letter in Nicolay & Hay's life; also Mr. Hamlin's speech at Cooper Union Sept 30, 1863, on the "Copperheads".

Mrs. Lincoln ~~was~~ consulted Mr. Hamlin about his renomination and as a result Mr. Hamlin and Simon Cameron picked Blaine to ~~be~~ manage the Maine convention and exercise a quiet eye over their husband. Mr. Lincoln liked Nicolay, Brooks, Cook and others he wanted the ~~best~~ ticket renominated & instructed ~~the~~ Cook to cast vote of Illinois for Mr. H. See Noah Brooks "Washington in Lincoln's time". Mr. Lincoln offered Mr. H. Secretaryship of the Treasury.

Mr. H. also spoke of his relations with Mr. L. as exceedingly pleasant and found Mr. L. always willing to discuss any suggestion he had to make however much it differed from his views. He regarded Mr. L. as the great figure of the 19th century and his last public act was to urge the County to make Lincoln's birthday a national holiday. See speech before the Republican Club - Feb 12, 1891. He made this journey to New York at the risk of his health.

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