

March 24, 1923

Mr. J. H. Bartlett,
First Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bartlett:

I have just returned from an absence of a month and find in my accumulated mail your letter of March 16, sending me the information that I wanted in regard to Abraham Lincoln's connecting with the Post Office Department, as postmaster at New Salem, Ill.

The item as your own Information Service sent it out is interesting, but I have been wondering whether it would not be possible to supplement it, for my purposes, with a fac-simile of the record of the appointment, made, as your item says, "in flourishing penmanship." I should be glad to pay for such a photograph, if there is no provision for furnishing the public things of that kind in your Department.

Very truly yours,