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**LINCOLN LOG**  
*ON THIS DAY,*

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President Lincoln writes to Congressman Elihu Washburne, of Galena, Illinois in response to Washburne's letter urging Lincoln "to let some of your confidential friends know your wishes and feelings" about running for re-election. Washburne informed Lincoln that their mutual friend Thompson Campbell, a California state legislator, supports Lincoln's candidacy. Lincoln responds, "Thanks to both you and...Campbell, for your kind words and intentions. A second term would be a great honor and a great labor, which together, perhaps I would not decline, if tendered."



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