

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

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President Lincoln writes to the former mayor of New York City, Fernando Wood, who strongly encouraged Lincoln to negotiate an end to the war. Lincoln responds that “the war would cease” if “the people of the Southern States would cease resistance, and would re-inaugurate, submit to, and maintain the national authority, within the limits of such states under the Constitution of the United States.” Lincoln adds, “The people of the Southern States...when they choose, if ever...can communicate with me unequivocally.”



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