

THE LINCOLN LOG

ON THIS DAY,

DECEMBER 15, 1862

President Lincoln writes to Isaac Diller, who seeks to market a new gunpowder to the government. Lincoln explains that if the powder passes performance tests, "I will advise the payment of the one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the transfer to the United States, the secret of...making said powder, and the exclusive right...of making, using, and vending it to others...I only promise to advise the payment, because I have not the money at my control which I could, by law, absolutely promise to pay."



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