

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

DECEMBER 17, 1840

Lincoln writes to his law partner and U.S. Representative, John Stuart, and reveals mixed emotions regarding the political patronage system. Lincoln writes, "I am, as you know, opposed to removals to make places for our friends. Bearing this in mind, I express my preference in a few cases." Lincoln argues for the removal of the Carlinville postmaster because Lincoln learned that the postmaster "boldly refused to deliver from his office during the canvass all documents franked by Whig members of Congress."



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