

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

DECEMBER 18, 1839

In Springfield, state representative Lincoln makes a speech criticizing the Democrats and the policies of President Martin Van Buren. A newspaper reports, “[Lincoln argued] that there had been a total change in the administration of the Government, within the last ten years; and that change had been for the worse...A new and corrupt system of tactics had been introduced into the National administration, unknown to former administrations ... These ... propositions [Lincoln] sustained, not by rant [and] declamation ... but by ... documentary evidence, which could not be disputed.”



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