

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

MAY 10, 1861

President Lincoln writes to Rhode Island Governor William Sprague and explains why he will not appoint Sprague's choice to a postmaster position. Lincoln writes, "A different man...is recommended by both the Senators, and both the old Representatives of the State, and also by one of the new Representatives. In these cases the Executive is obliged to be greatly dependent upon members of Congress...I therefore beg you to be assured that if I follow the rule in this case...it will be with pain and not with pleasure, that you are not obliged."



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