

THE
LINCOLN LOG
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Lincoln writes to his step-brother, John Johnston, who resides in Coles County, Illinois, and expresses frustration with Johnston's desire to relocate to Missouri. Lincoln writes, "What you really want is to sell the land, get the money and spend it...I do not write...in any unkindness. I write...to get you to face the truth...you are destitute because you have idled away all your time. Your thousand pretences for not getting along better, are all nonsense...Go to work is the only cure for your case."



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