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President Lincoln writes to Colonel William Morrison, of the 49th Illinois Volunteers. Morrison, a Democrat, suggests that Lincoln, a Republican, grants military promotions to politically-connected men over better qualified candidates. Lincoln writes, "I can not even conjecture what juniors of yours, you suppose I contemplate promoting over you. True, seniority has not been my rule, in this connection; but in considering military merit, it seems to me the world has abundant evidence that I discard politics."



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