

Washington March 4. 1849

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& therefore, this will add but one to the
many epistles of the character suggested
by the above remarks - I wish then
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for myself in Arkansas at Helena &
which place I shall remove in a few
days - & I learn from one mutual friend
Alfred Phillips that he wishes to go & asks
you to interest yourself for his appt. to the
receivers office at Batesville & the object of
this is chiefly to say, that such an appt. would
be much appreciated by his friends &
Especially by me. I think that a few
good & tried Whigs might at the present Crisis
revolutionize that State for reasons apparent
no doubt to you - & it now occurs to
me that if the like appt. may be changed
in Helena & you can confer it on your
humble servant, (any references can be given
which are necessary) he would be much obliged.
Anything of the kind you may do for me

in any part of our dominions will be
acceptable - I have never before been in
a position that would permit my looking
for or receiving any office from any
quarter, but as I have now ceased to
travel, & am located & practicing
Physic, which would not conflict with
any service which I could render
to my Country & make (of course)
profitable to myself - at any rate
whether my friend Phillips succeeds
or not (& let it be understood I wish not
to be in his way) or whether there is
any apt: for me, or not let us have
in Arkansas, some Choicer Souls
& as in duty bound, we will (not
always for office) forever pray

Yours Respectly

J W D Chaer

Hon A. Lincoln

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S. W. D. Chace to Abraham Lincoln, Sunday, March 04, 1849

(Appointment)

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