

Executive Mansion,

Washington, Sep. 23 . 1864.

Hon. Montgomery Blair

My dear Sir:

You have generously said to me, more than once, that whenever your resignation could be a relief to me, it was, at my disposal. The time has come. You very well know that this proceeds from no dissatisfaction of mine with you personally or officially. Your uniform kindness has been unsurpassed by that of any friend; and, while it is true that the war does not so greatly add to the difficulties of your Department, as to those of some others, it is yet much to say, as I most truly can, that in the three years and a half during which you have administered the General Post-Office, I ~~remember~~^{remember} no single complaint against you in connection therewith.

Yours as ever

A. Lincoln