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War Department.
Washington.
April 9th 1883.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication transmitting a copy of the resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, requesting you to correspond with me and ascertain for what price the State of Illinois can purchase the Old Homestead of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield.

I appreciate highly the motives which caused the adoption of the resolution, and have given careful consideration to the suggestions of your letter. I regret very much to appear to stand in the way of the accomplishment of

the purposes expressed in the pre-
amble of the resolution; and it
is only after much reflection that,
for reasons not of public interest,
I have determined not to part
with the ownership of the property.

I am

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

{Signed}

Robert T. Lincoln

Hon John W. Hamilton
Governor;
Springfield Ills.