

yet I have been advised to do it by Mr Bridge & Mr Davis
in whose discretion I have generally found it safe to confide.
The circumstance of my having been educated a lawyer,
and conversant with land matters, &c for several years,
and since, Clerk of the House of Representatives may not
be unimportant considerations in the mind of Mr Lincoln
should they be made known to him. And it may be
of consequence that this gentleman should be immediately
written to, in order to anticipate any pledges that he may
otherwise be induced to make to other candidates should
any offer. I beg you to pardon me for troubling you
upon this subject and to believe me to be

With sentiments of high consideration

Your Obt St

J. Loring Child.

