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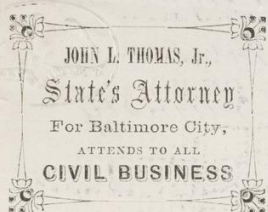
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"MONTANO"

State's Attorney's Office,



Baltimore, April 11th 1864.

To His Excellency  
Abraham Lincoln,  
President of the United States.

Dear Sir,

As my friend Mr Dennis S. Sweany is an applicant for the position of Associate Judge of Montano Territory, and I feel myself obligated to bear testimony in his behalf as to his loyalty and qualification, allow me to address you.

Mr Sweany is a native of Western Pennsylvania and removed to Maryland many years ago. On the nineteenth of April, 1864, and during the reign of terror that succeeded, he was one of the most open and outspoken opponents of the secessionists here that I knew.

Mr S. has been an attorney for many years, and has, at all times, been an active friend to the soldiers, by acting as their attorney, and in various ways doing kindly favors for them.

It is the hope and wish of the Union men generally that Mr S. may succeed in obtaining the position to which he aspires, and should your Excellency appoint him, it will <sup>give</sup> general satisfaction to the members of the Union party, and

confer a benefit on a most worthy and loyal citizen.

With the sincere wish that Mr S. may be so fortunate as to secure the position, I humbly subscribe myself,

Yours Truly &c

John L. Thomas  
State Atty Gen  
Balt City

I cordially endorse all that Mr Thomas has said in the foregoing letter in behalf of Mr Swann and heartily join in the wish expressed by him that Mr S's appointment may meet Your Excellency's approbation

Balt. April 15 1864

Wm Alexander