

(FORM 2)

**CATON LINES**  
**Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company**  
IN CONNECTION WITH ALL OTHER LINES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED BY THIS COMPANY FOR TRANSMISSION:**  
The public are notified that, in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages every message ought to be repeated, by being sent back from the station to which it is to be received to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message. This Company will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of hurried messages, from whatever cause they may arise; nor will it be responsible for damages arising from mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of a repeated message, beyond an amount exceeding five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message; nor will it be responsible for delays in the working of its telegraphs, nor for any mistake or omission of any other Company over whom it has a message to be sent to reach the place of destination. All messages will however be received by this Company for transmission, subject to the above conditions.

J. D. CATON, Pres't, Ottawa, Ill.

By Telegraph from Chicago May 18 1864  
 To A Lincoln 1864

On consultation the Penna  
 folks say do not come here  
 till after New York has gone home  
 W. Ray, J. Schick  
 J. Needell

23/20 PM

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J. D. CATON, Pres't, Ottawa, Ill.

By Telegraph from Chicago May 18 1864  
 To Aaron A Lincoln 1864

Don't let any one persuade  
 you to come here  
 Leonard Smith  
 Sweet

7/20 PM

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[FORM 1.]

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J. D. CATON, Pres't, Ottawa, Ill.

By Telegraph from Chicago at [May] 18  
To A. Lincoln 18  
Write no letters + make  
no promises till you see me write  
me at Bloomington when to see you  
I must see you soon  
David Davis  
24/125 ad

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[FORM 1.]

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J. D. CATON, Pres't, Ottawa, Ill.

By Telegraph from Chicago at [May] 18  
To A. Lincoln 18  
Don't come here for God's  
sake you will be telegraphed  
others to come It is the wish  
Evans of your friends not to  
come this is important  
David Davis  
24/125

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