

Abraham Lincoln,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

Know ye, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity, Ability, and Punctuality of *Samuel M. Barton*, I DO APPOINT *him* Deputy Postmaster at *Wilkesbarre*, in the State of *Pennsylvania*, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to Law; AND TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Office, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto him, the said *Samuel M. Barton*, during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and until the end of the next session of the Senate of the United States, and no longer.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the *Eighth* day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Sixty-one*, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the *Eighty-fifth*.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

William A. Sewall Secretary of State.

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