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Abraham Lincoln

They say that Abraham Lincoln had made plans to fix the way that he was in charge of Indians. 1863 was the year he took away from them the matter of their lands and how they draw out money. It was really the congressmen who did it. A bishop went to see President Abraham Lincoln. He begged him to show some mercy and give them back their land since it was all the fault of the Indian agent what had happened. Abraham Lincoln listened and he even knew how it happened and why he had fought Blackhawk. So it seemed that he sympathized with the Indians. So while they were talking, he told the bishop a story.

Lincoln said, "One time a man had a great field of cotton and he thought monkeys might be faster in picking cotton than Negroes since they were quick and had small fingers. So he released a big bunch of them but he had to hire two men to watch over just one moneky. It's the same with Indian agents. There will have to be two of them watching how it happens so it gets done right."

So he had agreed to change how he had charge of the Indians. He would fix them but they shot him not too long after he had agreed. The bishop's name was Whipple.