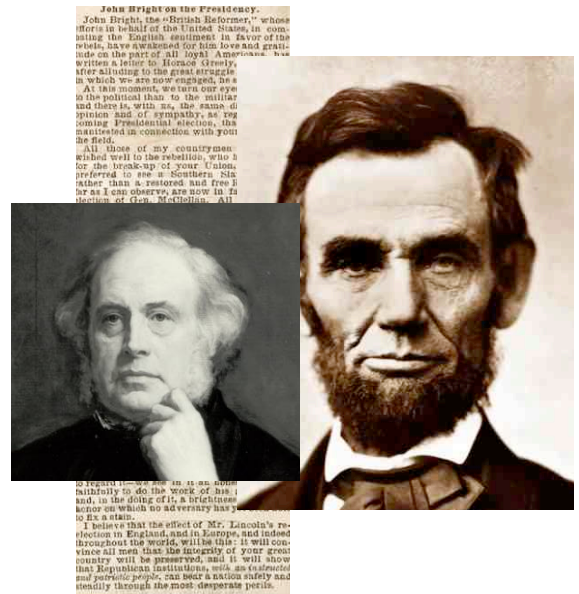


The **U.S. Embassy** and the **Institute of North American Studies at King's College London** are delighted to invite you to a special panel discussion exploring the political and personal dimensions of the Anglo-American relationship during the American Civil War.

# John Bright - "The MP for America" - and Abraham Lincoln: Personal Roots of the Special Relationship



**Panelists: Professor Charles Hubbard (Lincoln Memorial University); Bill Cash MP; Professor Brian Holden Reid (King's College London);**  
**Chair: Professor Susan Castillo (King's College London)**

Alongside the reading glasses and Confederate \$5 dollar bill found in Lincoln's pockets after his assassination was a newspaper clipping of a letter written by John Bright MP, the "British Reformer", urging Americans to vote for Lincoln in the approaching Presidential election. What this small historical artifact reveals is not only the complex nature of the British political and public reaction to the American Civil War, complicated as it was by commercial and moral interests, but also the transatlantic intellectual currents which shaped debates about civil rights and reform throughout the nineteenth century. This panel discussion will explore this rich history, reflecting on the unique combination of international relations and personal friendships which shaped this vital period in both American and British history, and helped to lay the foundations for the twentieth-century "special relationship".



**Charles Hubbard** is Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Institute for the Study of Leadership and Public Policy, and Professor of History, at Lincoln Memorial University in the United States. He is the author of six books including *Lincoln and the Struggle for Command* (2011).

**Bill Cash**, a Member of Parliament since 1984, is a descendent of John Bright. Also a solicitor and author, his most recent book is a biography, *John Bright: The Life of an Eminent Victorian* (2011).

**Brian Holden Reid** is Professor of American History and Military Institutions, King's College London. He has written several books on the Civil War including *The American Civil War and the Wars of the Industrial Revolution* (1999).



**When:** November 3, 2011

**Where:** K2.31, Strand Campus,  
King's College London, WC2R 2LS

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm, followed by a drinks reception

**Other:** Attendance is free for yourself and a guest, but space is limited. Please RSVP to Cara Rodway,  
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