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Dear Miss Rowley:

A little while ago you wrote me about buying a certain piece of Lincolniana which had just come to your desk. In that case I had the book, but your suggestion made me think that possibly you might be willing now and then to include in your purchases a book which I would consider particularly valuable for my Lincoln collection, and one which I was hesitating about buying because of its cost and because other pieces are on my list ahead of it. Take one just published and one ~~xx~~ which I think Dr. Giddens would agree with me is important for your shelves - W. E. Burghardt Du Bois' "Black Reconstruction." It certainly should be in the Lincoln collection as well as accessible to students of the Civil War period. How about it - are you willing to buy it? If not, I shall have to do it myself which I don't want to do.

I hope you won't mind my making this suggestion.

I hope, too, that you are planning a vacation if not already away on one. I have just come back from ten days in the country and find the city pretty close and exhausting.

With all good wishes

Faithfully yours

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