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Dear Mr. Barrett;

Here I come begging again. I want very much to add to my little group of photographs and engravings a good copy of the early photograph of Mary Lincoln owned by you. Both Sandburg and ~~Marias~~ reproduce it but I want something more direct. If you are willing that I should have it I would of course be only too glad to pay you for the copy. If you will let me do that it will rather justify me in my begging.

I am always hoping that the day will come when I can get out to Chicago and browse around, talk with you and Mr. Sandburg and Governor Horner and see what is generally going on. I feel as if I should make a farewell tour before I die. It would be a lot of fun. It is a very wonderful and exciting to me that so much of Lincolniana - real stuff - has accumulated in Illinois since I started out and found really so little interest in a rather bewildered period. It is a deep satisfaction to me that the work has become gradually so thorough and so scientific. And of course in that you have had a great part.

With all good wishes and hoping that I am not imposing upon your goodwill in asking for this photograph, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Lincoln

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