

Rutland Courts  
17th & Riggs Sts.,  
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. George E. Constant,  
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My dear Mr. Constant:-

Please pardon me for the delay in replying to your letter of May 22nd. I have been away from New York for some time, and very much occupied with War work in Washington.

As to your question as to whether or no I accept the story that Abraham Lincoln was the illegitimate son of Nancy Hanks and John C. Calhoun, I can reply most emphatically, no. Nor in my judgment are the stories of other fathers that one hears in different parts of the country true. If you will examine a little book called "Nancy Hanks" written by Mrs. Hitchcock, of Cambridge, Mass., you will see that there are more documents in existence proving Lincoln's legitimacy than probably exist in the case of most of us. Before accepting any one of these stories that you have heard please examine these documents.

Very sincerely yours,

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