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My dear Mr. de la Hunt:

Thank you for your generous letter. I appreciate of course your offer to run down the story said to have been in the Perry County Tribune, but hesitate to allow you to take so much trouble for me. I cannot get away just now or I should delight in the hunt. I thought possibly I might, with a hint from you, get somebody to do the work for me.

Thank you, too, for telling me of your History of Perry County. I am going at once to see if I can find it in our library here. I am sure that you have material there which will interest me very much. I shall look also for your paper before the Filson Club. I am sure these publications are in the library.

I shall certainly be going down into your part of the world before many months, and I shall appreciate it if I may have a visit with you. I should like nothing better than to go over all that ground in detail, something which I have never done. When I was on my Life of Lincoln, I had an assistant down there, not being able to find the time to go myself, but one of these days I am going to steal time and tramp from Rockingham County, Va. to Charleston, Ill., and when I make that trip it will be people like yourself, founded in local history, that I shall seek.

You are making a great contribution to the future history of this country, something which has hardly been touched as yet.

Thanking you again for your letter, believe me, my dear Mr. de la Hunt,

Very sincerely yours,

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