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EVANSTON, ILL. August 24, 1910

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
West 9th Street,
New York.

Dear Madam:

There are some inquiries I wish to make about the early history of Abraham Lincoln, as follows:

The Chicago River and Harbor Convention was held July 5, 6, and 7, 1847, a full account of which is given in Fergus' Historical Series No. 18. On page 141 it is stated that Hon. Abraham Lincoln was present and spoke briefly, etc. Is there any record of Mr. Lincoln having visited Chicago at any previous time? I cannot find any such record.

In Nicolay and Hays' work, "Abraham Lincoln, a History", Volume I, page 298, it is stated that Mr. Lincoln "was offered a partnership on favorable terms by a lawyer in good practice in Chicago", which he declined. Who was the lawyer who made this offer?

If you can assist me to find this information, I shall be greatly obliged, as I am engaged in writing a chapter for a forthcoming history of Chicago, on Mr. Lincoln in Chicago.

Yours very truly,

J. Seymour Currey

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