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West Chester, Jan. 30, 1860.

My dear Sir:

It is as you suggest, sore eyes have prevented my writing the article in question. They gave out under severe labour and I have to treat them tenderly since and still do so till they recover their usual strength. But that is not the only reason. A letter from my son or brother or some one stated you would probably see me in a short time and I wanted to see you before I put pen to paper. The facts in Mr. L's statement are excellently meagre and few. I want more. I want to know when he first began to speak. What was the success of his first efforts. Whether in the legislature he manifested his powers as a speaker and if so whether in his first or subsequent sessions. Whether he he measured swords with Douglas when both were members. What his manner is in speaking. What the character of his gestures. What his voice. Whether he controls juries. Whether is good at a law point. Whether as a lawyer he is well and thoroughly read. Whether he is a good shot with the rifle. A good horseman, fond of the hunt, genial in manners, entertaining in conversation. From what I hear of him I can imagine some of these matters but I would like to have the actual fact.

As however you have said you wish the article soon, I sat down yesterday afternoon, and wrote as long as my eyes would permit. I finished it very nearly. In a half an hour I can have it ready for the press, and this morning I spoke to the sub-editor of The Chester County Times to keep for me a column and an half of the paper of this weeks issue. To-morrow morning I will hane in the M.S. and on Friday or Saturday send you a copy of the paper. In the mean time I send you as requested a copy of the Mr. L's communication.

You will see that what I have written is but a very hasty crude and imperfect sketch, very inferior to what I ~~wrote~~ worked to make it and would have made it with more ample materials and a little more time. But it can be published here and with some additional facts furnished it can be re-written for a second publication elsewhere.

Mr. Lincoln is popular in Chester Co., and would make a fine poll with our people.

Yours truly,

Joseph J. Lewis.

J. W. Fell, Esq.,

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sent by Miss Samiell  
of Bloomsbury  
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