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HARTFORD, CONN.

"Cayman"
Eastern Point
Gloucester Mass
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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

It has been suggested that I write you for possible information regarding some individual, library or institution which might be interested in an autograph Lincoln letter, which has just been brought to my notice.

It seems that Lincoln wrote to his family lawyer, Solomon Lincoln - a relative - giving a full & detailed account of the ancestry of the two branches of his family. This letter has been in the possession of the Solomon Lincoln family since it was originally received.

They have always protested their unwillingness to part with it - but have at last placed it in the hands of a family acquaintance, whose residence is in Manchester, New Hampshire; who does business in Gloucester; and whom I personally know. The letter is evidently genuine.

He has given me the opportunity of writing to learn if there was any possible chance of its going to private or public collections in Hartford or Philadelphia, and suggested that I bring the letter to your attention, as one who would have a much wider knowledge of possibly interested parties.

The price asked for the letter is high (\$5000⁰⁰); but the letter itself would seem to be priceless.

You will pardon my liberty in writing you but I am really interested in seeing the letter placed in a reputable collection.

Yours very sincerely
M. W. Jacobus