

417 Birchard Ave., Fremont, Ohio, May 7

Dear Mr. McClure:

I have a charming and most characteristic Lincoln autograph which has never been copied to my knowledge--that is in fac-simile--I think it has been printed in some town papers.

It occurs to me that you may like this to add to your Lincoln collection, and though I shall not let it go out of my hands I can get it photographed, if you wish. Will you kindly tell me as soon as possible what you would pay for it?

Respectfully

(miss) Lucy Elliot Keeler

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Executive Mansion, Washington,

Aug. 12, 1863

Hon. Sec. of War.

Mrs. Baird tells me she is a widow; that her two sons and early support joined the army where one of them still is: that her other son, Isaac P. Baird is a private in the 72 Penna. Vol., Baxter's Fire Zouaves, Co. K: that he is now under guard with his regiment on a charge of desertion; that he was under arrest for desertion so he could not take the benefit of returning under the proclamation on that subject. Please have it ascertained if this is correct, and if it is let him be discharged from arrest and go to duty. I think too that he should have his pay for duty actually performed. Loss of pay falls so hard on poor families.

Yours truly

A. Lincoln.

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