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Dear Mr. Walls:

Of course I shall be honored to have you dedicate a volume of Following Abraham Lincoln to me. Years ago I saw and was much pleased with some of the etchings, but I have never seen one of the bound volumes and did not know that you had progressed so far.

It is a colossal job for one man, but I know from your letter that you are getting solid satisfaction out of the work and I am glad you have found subscribers to support it. It, of course, ought to be in all Lincoln Collections. I wish I could manage one for a Lincoln Room we have started at my old College, Allegheny at Meadville, Pennsylvania. I am turning a heterogeneous collection of Lincoln material to it, hoping it will furnish a sufficient nucleus to build up in time a collection which will be used in under-graduate work. You'll see what they are doing from what I inclose.

But we have little or no money although there are two or three with more or less money interested in the project, and in time we might raise a subscriber, at least I could pass on to the Library which controls the Collection the data necessary for a subscriber if you would not object to sending it.

Let me say again that I highly appreciate the honor you propose for me.

Very sincerely yours,