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Dear Dr. Warren:

You do make me an attractive proposition. I wish I could feel justified in taking it out of my own resources but my outlook for the coming two or three years is too uncertain to justify me in pledging myself to that sum. If I had only myself to think of it would be another matter.

If times were better I should not hesitate to go to my fellow college trustees who have money and I am quite sure I could get it but the college is making large demands from them now and they are of a nature which gives them right of way over my small interest. I do not feel justified in undertaking a subscription. That is I cannot do it with any hope of getting the money before the fifteenth of January when your option runs out. I have never suggested to the trustees that they help me out on this Lincoln collection, that they will do it eventually I am sure when I have something to show that will stimulate interest and imagination.

It really hurts me to pass up this opportunity. I realize how important it is but I cannot see my way to seize it. Please believe me, dear Dr. Warren, I do appreciate your interest and if the time comes when I can make some kind of an arrangement with you for your duplicates I shall be most glad.

Hoping you are going to be successful in securing the items you are now interested in, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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