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November 24, 1922

Mr. Francis M. Sackett,
315 Guthrie St.,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Sackett:

I have just returned to New York from my Lincoln pilgrimage and find in my accumulated mail your letter of November 8 to Mrs. Rice, along with a copy of the Lincoln letter owned by Mrs. Sackett.

I am most glad to have this. Even if I should find on looking through the various collections of Lincoln letters that it has been published before (something I have not yet had time to do) a copy direct from the original made by the owner is always of interest. I find not unfrequently that in the printing, some little change has been made which alters the sense.

You remember, do you not, our little discussion about Lincoln's estate, raised by the letter that you had received from Bruce Barton? I think I told you that I never had given a thought before to what Lincoln did or did not leave. So when I was in Springfield, I looked into the matter.

He left no will, but, at the request of Mrs. Lincoln and Robert, who was then of age, Judge David Davis was appointed executor. The estate, exclusive of real estate, amounted to about \$100,000. The bulk of this was in war bonds. I think he had paid for the most of these from his salary, though of that I am not quite sure. I am following it up and I think that eventually I shall have his financial status quite clear. If it would interest you, I shall be glad to send you what I find.

Sincerely yours,

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