

April 15, 1924

Mr. James Shaw,
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My dear Mr. Shaw:

Do forgive the way I have treated your letter of February 19. I was off on a six weeks' lecture junket when it reached New York, and although it was forwarded to me, my traveling conditions were such that I wrote practically no letters.

I am glad you like the way that I handled your story of the River and Harbor Convention of '47 in the Lincoln Footsteps. I was very glad of course to have so much fresh material. I hope I gave you proper credit.

So you accept Judge Blodgett's statement that he saw Lincoln in Chicago in June of 1844? I had seen his article, but I was a little dubious about it. It is so easy to be mistaken over that length of time, and I thought it quite as probable that it was 1847 as 1844. The last thing I would intimate was that Judge Blodgett had intentionally mixed his dates. As I was unable at the moment to go into the time-taking process of checking him up I let it go. I think I was wrong about that, I might have called attention to it.

You say you are sending me a clipping containing an article running down the attack that Douglas made at Ottawa in August of 1858 that Lincoln had accepted the "Black Republican" platform. That article, I see by the note of my secretary, was in the letter, but it has been misplaced. Would it be asking too much to send me a duplicate? I should appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,