

Edwardsville Illinois
Feb 12th 1896

S. S. McClure

Dear Sir

I write to ask if
any material relating to Mr Lincoln
will be available to you if it
has ever been published.

I have five autograph
letters from Mr Lincoln to my
father, Judge Joseph Vickers,
who died in 1885. Some of these
letters relate to politics and some
to business. One is dated 1849,
and four, 1858. I am certain,
only, of one of them having
been published, and that was
in the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Those relating to politics are
interesting for the reason that

They show his ability as a
shrewd political calculator,
and at the same time betray
the tender side of his nature
in his loyalty to his friends,
even at a sacrifice of himself.

Very respectfully

Mrs Josephine G. Prickett