Jan 31-1924
387 Harvard St.
Cambridge
Mass

Mr. W. T. Herbert
Colton Illinois:
My dear Mr. Herbert:
A friend of
yours Mr. E. M. Bowman
came to see me yesterday
and advised me to
write to you in regard
to a letter I wrote
him about Rhododendrons.
He says that you take

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a deep interest in this matter - Can anything be done to stop the repetition of scandals in regard to Lincoln's mother Nancy Hanks and her mother? A minister named Barton of Chicago whom he say's you know has recently published a book in which he repeats all the worst of the old scandals - in order as he says to prove that they are not true - yet he says of course they may be true! He threatens in this book to publish another with more stories about poor little Nancy Hanks! Now the question is can anything be done to stop the repetition of these falsehoods? My records in a little book you may have seen called "Nancy Hanks" are correct - but Barton prefers to believe the false stories - So that my name cannot be used

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in connection with this
effort – but if all the
lovers of Lincoln would
protest against the
publication of any
further scandals about
his loved mother no
man would dare to
repeat the old stories
or publish new ones –
Please use your influence
without using my name –
Mr. Bowman says he will
write you –

Cordially and earnestly yours
in the name of Truth & Abraham Lincoln –
Caroline Hanks Hitchcock

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