December 29, 1922

Dr. John W. Wayland,
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My dear Dr. Wayland:

I have your interesting letter of December 26, with the items that Miss Elliot has collected from the Harrisonburg Court files.

I agree with you that she has found more than was to be expected. The satisfaction of knowing that a thorough search has been made and that in all probability this is all that there is about the Lincolns in Harrisonburg, must be counted in as part of the return.

The note of the deed of bargain and sale from Abraham Lincoln and Bathsheba to Michael Chance was, as you suggest, in preparation for their moving West. This deed and documents showing that it was necessary to appoint some one to go to Linville Creek to examine Bathsheba, who ws ill, as to her willingness that the land should be sold, are in Staunton.

I am obliged to you for calling my atention to Mr. Kemper's article in the Virginia Magazine for October. I had not seen it. I have been in correspondence for some time with Mr Kemper. He undertook to do some work for me, but I have recently learned through Col. Gordon, that his condition is such that he has been denied access to the records. I am afraid that he is back in the institution. Col. Gordon has very kindly secured someone to carry on the work which I wanted done.

I am sending a check to Miss Elliot today, to Norfolk, Va. I believe she was to do the work for 60¢ an hour.

I do appreciate your kindness in seeing about the photographs I want.

With all good wishes to both you and Mrs. Wayland, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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