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Gentlemen:

Reading in your May No. an account of
Lincoln's assassination & Booth's Killing at Garrett P.O.
also final deposal of his Body & so forth —
please permit me to lay before you my own Version
of that tragic affair, as I became a duped but
innocent actor in the afterdrama; having given
a promise under Oath on the banks of the Rappa-
hammock the morning of April 24th 1865. after
& myself had been taken across the Stream in a
Small Skiff by a man whom Booth Called = Bainy
or Bain Bridge, and who had several times
been at Thomas Jones' place where Booth was
in Confinement from April 16 to 23th while Dan
Herald & Fox were in the Bottoms Close by, and
when Jones took Booth on his Jackass on
the 23rd met us opposite Rollins Ferry in some
Pine woods & told Booth that he should not

Crow on the Ferryboat as Herold & Fox had
 crossed there some little time before
 and had proclaimed themselves as the
 assassins of Lincoln; and were bound
 for Richters or Garretts plantation & by
 previous arrangement between Dave Herold
 & Booth were to fetch some arms & clothing
 & other Belongings of Booths to near there.
 so Daisy took us about a mile below the
 Rollins Ferry & took myself & Booth to the
 other Side, & after I had helped Booth
 up the Riverbank said: hold on Landman
 unless you swear to never reveal who
 crossed in this Skiff: You will be a dead
 Dutchman & I were for thirty years to be Silent.
 but am now prepared to show who was in
 Garretts Barn with Dave Herold & who
 was killed & instantly paid as J W Booth -
 I have 28 Chapters now ready for Copyrighted
 and will give 1 Chapter each week & then let
 the public Judge Who was killed in P. B.
 Fendore Jan 1-2 Chapter: respectfully
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