

Jan. 20, 1899.

Mr. W. G. Betty,
Norwood Station,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Betty,

Thank you very much for your permission to have the letters photographed. I am sending Mr. Bellsmith the order, making one condition- that he examine the "Complete Works" of Abraham Lincoln, edited by Nicolay and Hay and published by The Century Company, to assure himself that the letters are not there ~~before~~ makes the copies. Of course it would be useless for me to have the copies made if Nicolay and Hay have already published them. As I do not know the dates of the letters I cannot myself do the work.

I appreciate very much your courtesy and shall not fail of course in using the letters to give you full credit.

Very truly yours,