Lincoln Collection: Meadville, Pa. October 19 to 27, 1937.

Talked first with Miss Rowley. Find her full of enthusiasm over the possible Lincoln collection. We looked at the rooms - call in Phillips the College Architect. (Look up his relation) And the head of the new department of Art Appreciation and History - Miller. We agree that the old room offers better advantages for the historical map of the Lincoln Pilgrimage on which I set my heart. I have seen this map as a frieze with ~~xxxxxxxx~~ insets and illustrations, dates, etc. The ~~architect~~ Miller sees it that way, so does Dr. Tolley. ~~Miller~~ Tolley, however, stands out for a wall mural, thinks there should be a focal point in such a room. I see the room as a whole - do not want a focal point - particularly the one he has in mind. I am convinced that ~~what he talks~~ there is not the perspective to show what he has in mind, that there is no particular educational value in it, though of course I may be wrong. But the frieze would pull the whole thing together, not dominate the collection as his mural would and would give ample opportunity for the display of photographs, etc., on the cases. The mural would not do that ~~possibly better~~. At any rate it is the first point of controversy.

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Books:

I take up with Miss Rowley what the College has on Lincoln. I find duplicates of a few things not in my catalogue. These are in an envelope in our catalogue box. This idea of Books Lincoln Read. I take up the possibility of getting a collection of books. I am to send her the list we have. She has no early edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin - no Weem's Life of Washington - both of which I thought I might find there.

Slavery:

There should be a group of books on the institution - history, etc. Bancroft would be the best help here probably. Also should have the History of the Confederacy - records.

Lincoln's Cabinet, particularly Stanton, Chase, Seward, Gideon Welles. Find out what the College has.

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