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Rev. Houghton Page,
Hingham, Mass.

My dear Mr. Page:

I came back to New York Monday night with the bundle of notes that I picked up in Hingham and Boston, and looking them over my sense of gratitude to you is doubled. Alone, I am afraid I never should have been able to do as much in double the time as with you as a director I was able to accomplish.

I have anote from Mrs. Francis Lincoln this morning, saying that she made an attempt to photograph the entry, and if it is successful will send me the result. I really must have a fac simili of that entry somehow.

On Saturday, in Boston, I went over the original Peter Hobart diary. It is in surprisingly good condition, and it is such a satisfaction to see it properly taken care of. I hope you will carry out your project of having it photographed. It is quite practical. I am having two or three pages done myself. There is an accredited photographer in the museum who would do the work beautifully for you, and, I think, at a reasonable price.

I very much want to get hold of a reliable photographer at Hingham, if possible. There is some work that I want done in and around Mordecai Lincoln's house at North Scituate, and there is no photographer that would be reliable. Is there some one that you could recommend in Hingham? If so, I think it would perhaps be better to have the land records at the town hall photographed rather than copied. I am sure there will be other things, too, as time goes on that I want to get hold of so that if you can put me in touch with a photographer, I shall add that to the long list of courtesies which you have already done me and for which, I do assure you, I am grateful. As a very inadequate proof of my gratitude, I am taking the liberty of sending you today a copy of the last edition of my "Life of Lincoln."

I hope the chaperone is quite well, and that when Mrs. Page returns she will not be greeted with any stories of how in her absence you entertained on the sideporch an unknown elderly female.

With renewed gratitude for your kindness am belive me

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