

February 27, 1929

Mr. Thomas C. Fisher
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Dear Mr. Fisher:

I have been away from New York for some little time or you would have had a more prompt answer to the letters you so kindly wrote me in response to my inquiry about Henry Whitney Cleveland.

As I think I wrote you before, I never had any reason to suspect that the man was anything but honest. He made drawings of several documents for me, including the marriage returns and the marriage bond, which, as you know, are preserved in Springfield. He claimed to have discovered the marriage certificate. Where did the Springfield people get their copy, do you know? Or does anyone know?

I think it would be an appropriate little problem for the Wilson Club to clear this matter up. Cleveland was suggested to me by Col. Durrett. They worked together closely, as you know. No one in Louisville at that time, which was thirty years ago, raised a shadow of question to me of Cleveland's reliability.

If you have a good hand-writing expert in the Club or in the town, it might be well to set him to comparing the signature and text with the records that are known to be genuine.

As I think I told you in a former letter, Barton considers it a forgery. See page 18 of the first volume of his Life of Lincoln.

Any information that you can get for me about Cleveland or about this document, I shall be very glad to have.

I am glad that things are going well with you. Yes, I did know of your marriage, and I am very much ashamed that I did not write you at the time. The last year has been a rather difficult one for me and I have neglected many things that I should have done. I am sure you know that I wish you all sorts of happiness.

Sincerely yours