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June 16. Recd your letter, and
have examined both N. H. and Howells
report of the Peria speech - and the
same error exactly occurs in both.
And it is all the more remarkable
that none of our friends from the
regions where slavery flourished
as Judge Gillespie Judge Breese or
Gov. Kerner should have corrected
this plain error in two years. 54656

My authority for the denial is the
United States Census Reports (which see)
that of Dec. 21, 1810. puts slaves thus:

In Cahokia	40
In Kaskaskia	48
	<u>80</u>
Rest of Randolph Co.	168
Total	248

That of 1820, giving detail in many
counties and aggregates 917
instead of 117 as Lincoln has it.
Illinois came into the Union on
Dec. 3, 1818.

I did not mean that the census fig-
ures would be challenged. but that
my statement as to what L. said
would be challenged. It can't now be.
after the
Peria speech
H. Whitney