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Mr. Ernest Dressel North
587 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. North:

Did you ever try to get from Mrs. Grace Bedell Billings, Adelphos, Kansas, the letter that she owns? It is the one that Lincoln wrote her in answer to her suggestion to him that he would look better with whiskers. No one has ever been able to buy the letter. I am told, though Judge Stewart himself went to Adelphos; but that is not saying that you might not find a way to get it. Mrs. Billings is not a poor woman, by any means, I believe. I would rather you would not mention my name in connection with this suggestion.

Sincerely yours