

April 18, 1930

My dear Mr. Lippincott:

I have been out of New York for some little time and returning find your letter of March 16th.

The charge that Lincoln was uncouth, a back woodsman, ignorant and awkward was general during the Civil War. The answer that you quote to the charge has been repeated in one form or another many times. I do not know with whom it originated - I do not know that it is authentic, but I have come across it more than once in my general reading. If you should ever learn anything more about it I should be glad if you would pass it on to me.

Very sincerely yours

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