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Dear Miss Cowdrey:

The holidays prevented my answering more promptly your letter of December 23rd in regard to Frank Carpenter.

I am afraid I can be of little assistance to you. I knew him slightly and I think that somewhere in my old letter files I have two or three letters from him. I have not had an opportunity to look them up. Indeed, I am not sure they are still in existence. Much of the correspondence in regard to Lincoln illustrations of the period of my Life of Lincoln belonged to McClure's Magazine and when it changed hands, as it did in 1906, much of the old correspondence was I am told destroyed. However, I may have something, but I warn you it will be of little moment. Carpenter, was, of course, one of the most prolific painters of Lincoln and he has left an invaluable record of his six months in the White House.

Regretting that I cannot be of more practical service to you. Wishing you the best of success in your undertaking, believe me

Very truly yours

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