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Mr. O. J. Mitchell,
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My dear Mr. Mitchell:

Some weeks ago you wrote me from Los Angeles a most kind and interesting letter. It would have been answered long ago but that I have been out of New York and so occupied in the period that I paid no attention to my correspondence. I am back now, and it is with pleasure I have read your letter.

Of course I am gratified that you find the first installment of the piece of Lincoln work I am doing worth your attention. I hope that the succeeding numbers have held your interest. It is a piece of rather informal work - impressions and reflections in going over a field with which twenty-five years ago I was fairly familiar. I enjoyed the gathering of the material, and I am enjoying the presenting of it. I hope those that honor me with a reading will not be disappointed.

I am grateful to you for setting down the origin of the name Lincoln. I had never known it - indeed, I had never thought of inquiring what it was. It is a piece of really fresh information for me, as well as what you say of Hingham. Have I your permission to use the origin of these words. Of course I shall be glad to give credit to you.

Thanking you again for your kind letter, believe me,
my dear Mr. Mitchell,

Very sincerely yours,