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Mr. Chas. E. Kemper,
Staunton, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter of October 17th has been following me around for two weeks and only found me at the end of the fortnight. I have been traveling constantly since I was in Staunton, which will explain the delay.

I was much interested in both the letters and appreciate the trouble you have taken. The information you gave about Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, I already have; but what you say about Abraham Lincoln, the Grandfather, having been a Judge Advocate of the court in the years '76, '77 and '78 interests me very much. I had not known this.

I am wondering if you could have made for me, in Staunton, a photograph of the entry showing this. I should be very glad to pay for the photograph and for the trouble you take in having it made. It might be that such a photograph would be useful in your own work. Could you do this for me?

Are there any other entries in the records at Staunton referring to the Lincoln family? The deeds of the transfer of land in the name of John and Abraham Lincoln I have. I am having a search made at Harrisonburg for any possible references.

If you can unearth me anything in Staunton, I shall, as stated above, be most glad to pay you for your trouble. Wish you would write me. Please address me, 120 East 19th St., New York City, N.Y. I am hoping to be back within the next ten days.

I was sorry not to have seen you while in Staunton. I have copies of the papers published by the Lincoln Historical Society, and was anxious to show them to you, but failed to find you.

Thanking you again for your letter,
believe me, Mr. Kemper,

Very truly yours,