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Mr. T. de la Hunt,
Tell City, Perry Co.,
Indiana.

My dear Mr. De la Hunt:

I had a long talk on Lincoln's life last week here in New York with Mr. Charles Moores of Indianapolis. I mentioned to him that the Rev. Edward Murr of Evansville, in the Indiana Magazine of History for June, 1918, says, in an article on Lincoln in Indiana, that the Perry County Tribune published a full account of a trial in which Lincoln was a defendant, in the winter of 1826-27--probably. He does not give the date. The incident which he describes took place in the months that Lincoln was running a ferry from the mouth of Anderson's Creek across the Ohio.

I am anxious to get that newspaper account, but do not know where to find a file of the Perry County Tribune. Mr. Moores suggested that if anybody in Indiana would know, it would be you, and he assured me that you would not consider an inquiry an intrusion. I hope he is right.

I should very much appreciate it if you can tell me where I can find these papers, and also if there is anybody in or around the library where they are stored that would be a reliable investigator. What I would like to get would be a certified copy of the report.

You possibly may know that some years ago I published a Life of Lincoln. I have never quite given up my Lincoln work and at the moment am preparing a biography for the Boy Scouts. I should appreciate very much your courtesy and any help you can give me in locating the papers that I am after.

Very sincerely yours,

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