April 6, 1921

Mr. William H. Briggs,
Franklin Square, New York.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

I have your note of April 5, saying that you have the diaries of Orville Browning of Illinois, covering a period just before and during the Civil War, and that you think there is new and important historical material there. You ask if I will examine the manuscript and give you a judgment about its value and publication.

I shall be glad to do so. I know something of Mr. Browning, and if he has set down frankly his impressions and his conversations with Mr. Lincoln, I should be inclined to say, off hand, that the diaries could not but be valuable. At all events, I should be glad to give as early a reading as possible to the manuscript and let you know what I think.

Very sincerely yours,

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