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Mrs. Cale-Young Rice,
1488 St. James Place,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Alice:

It looks now as if my Lincoln journey into Kentucky was about to be undertaken.

I am leaving here next week for the Shenandoah Valley, and I shall make my way from there, over the old Wilderness Road, into Kentucky. I am warned that I may be jolted to pieces if I attempt the Wilderness Road, but I doubt it.

But here is what has happened. I think I spoke to you about a Mr. William Fortune of Indianapolis, who has gathered a large amount of material on the Indiana period of Lincoln's life. This material he promised some time ago to let me examine, and also, when I went into South-western Indiana, to join me. Now he promises to come into Kentucky and wants to go to the same points that I am interested in. He has a seven-passenger car and evidently has as much leisure as he has money, which, they tell me, is more than is good for anybody. At all events, his value to my enterprise is very great, and I am taking him at his word to join me either in Louisville or in Bardstown.

I told him that I am to go to you in Louisville and that I hoped very much that you and Cale would be willing to come with us. (He had suggested that we take some one) I don't know this person at all. He may be a very improper person, as improper as he is generous, so I think you and Cale had better come along to protect my fair name. Anyhow, we would have lots of fun.

I propose to go to Kentucky by the 16th of October. As soon as I know from Mr. Fortune where he thinks it is wise for us to start - and I hope it will be Louisville - I will let you know.

I am going to express my trunk to Louisville, in your care. Will that be all right? Tell them to keep it at the express office; or, if they will not do that, put it into the cellar or anywhere out of your way. Am I imposing on your generosity?

Sincerely yours,