

November 17, 1927

Miss Katherine Helm
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Helm:

I am glad to learn from Mr. Briggs that there is a probability that Harpers will go ahead with your book. It is an excellent firm, and I am sure they will do everything they can to push it.

I should say that anything that you could do to call attention to the book should be done, and a suggestion was made to me the other day which seems to have possibilities in it.

Honoré Willsie Morrow, who, as you probably know, has recently published a very interesting story of Lincoln in the White House - "Freedom for All," with a sympathetic story of Mary Lincoln, was telling me about her desire to interview your mother on a subject unconnected with your material.

The publisher who has asked her to do this would be glad to pay Mrs. Helm a substantial sum, and the article itself would, it seems to me, be a valuable indirect advertisement of your own book. I promised Mrs. Morrow I would put the case before you and ask if you could arrange, in case she came to Lexington, for her to have a talk with your mother.

Mrs. Morrow is not only an able but a very delightful woman. You would find her most sympathetic with Mary Lincoln. Indeed, I do not know anyone that has ever written as warmly about her as Mrs. Morrow in her stories. What do you say, dear Miss Helm?

I remember that I promised you when I was in Lexington to send you a copy of my book "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns." I have been away a great deal in the last few weeks and so busy while here that many things have escaped my attention. I am autographing the book, however, now to send to you.

Kindly let me know about Mrs. Morrow as soon as you conveniently can.

Sincerely yours

*The most misunderstood woman in
American History*

MARY
WIFE of LINCOLN



By Her Niece

KATHERINE HELM

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