

November 11, 1927

Hon. Henry Horner
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Judge Horner:

It was very good of you to write me so promptly and so fully in answer to my recent letter.

Thank you for the photostat of Mrs. Lincoln's letter of July 18, 1868 from Cresson, Pa. I am putting it in my files and if I should want to use anything more than a few words from it at any time I will write to Mr. Meyer for permission.

Thank you, too, for information about the letters to Mrs. Bradwell. I have long heard of them, never read them, and have seriously doubted the propriety of their publication. It seems pretty clear to me that Mrs. Lincoln could not be called responsible when she was writing these letters. That is, if, as I understand, they were written after she returned to Springfield in 1875 to make her home with Mrs. Edwards. I confess, however, that I should very much like to read them.

You say that if I want a copy of the proceedings of Mrs. Lincoln's conservatorship that you will be good enough to have it made for me. I should like them. I have never been a collector but, naturally, a good many things have come my way - pamphlets, books, etc., that have some value, and I am just setting out to put what I have in order and to fill out, so far as my means will allow, the lacunae in order to pass the whole on to my college - Allegheny, at Meadville, Pa. I want to make a Lincoln collection for students and in it would like to put as large a number of facsimiles of letters and documents as I am able to build up.

Thank you for your good offices in the matter of the Rosenwald biography. I shall await with interest to know what Mr. Stern thinks about it. He should understand that in any case I could not begin the work immediately, and even then it would be some months before I could, in justice to other obligations, give my whole time to it.

With many thanks for your kindnesses, believe me, my dear Judge Horner,

Very sincerely yours