February 7, 1922

Mr. P. C. Eastment,
The McClure Newspaper Syndicate,
373 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Percy:

I have your note of the 29th, asking me to drop you a line to the effect that when I am ready to go ahead with "In the Footsteps of Lincoln," you are to have the first opportunity at it, on "terms to be mutually agreed upon at the proper time."

I am pleased at your enthusiasm over the project. Nothing would suite me better than to go ahead with it as soon as I return from my present lecture junket, which will be the first of April, and to give myself exclusively to it. In that case, it would be ready to begin publication by next year.

The difficulty is that I cannot give myself exclusively to it. I shall go over the matter thoroughly in my mind while I am gone, and when I get back will be ready to take it up with you, with some idea of when I would be ready with copy.

How much of the work would it be necessary for you to have in hand in order to come to a decision? Would it be necessary to have the thing complete in order to sell it to the best advantage to newspapers? How long a time should you have in order to place it to the best advantage?

When you say that you think you could "make a lot of money" for me, I am really very much touched, dear Percy, when you write that you have been wanting to do that for a long time. Just what do you mean? What I could eventually make out of it would have some influence in determining when I went at it and how exclusively I could give myself to it.

Will you not, at your convenience, write me about these things? A letter sent here will be forwarded to me, if written after Friday, when I am leaving for six weeks.

Faithfully yours,

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