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Mr. Wallace C. MacNaul,
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Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. MacNaul:

About ten years ago I had some correspondence with Mr. J. B. Lemen of O'Fallan, Ill., with regard to the papers of James Lemen, Sr.

Mr. Lemen's idea was that I should take all of these papers and prepare a series of articles for the American Magazine with which I was then connected as a contributing editor. It was not possible to arrange the matter then, and later your interesting pamphlet "The Jefferson-Lemen Compact" appeared.

I do not find in that, however, a copy of a memorandum of personal reminiscences of association with Mr. Lincoln, made in 1865 of James Lemen, Sr., a copy of which I have and from which I am quoting in an article of a series now being published in the newspapers, entitled "In the Footsteps of Lincoln." I suppose of course that this has been printed; can you tell me where? I have nothing but the manuscript copy which Mr. J. B. Lemen sent me at the time of our first correspondence.

I wrote Mr. Lemen some time ago, but my letter came back. I suppose therefore that he is no longer living. I shall be very grateful to you for any information you can give me.

Sincerely yours,