

November 6, 1923

Mr. C. C. Frackelton,
Petersburg, Ill.

Dear Mr. Frackelton:

A year ago when I had my well remembered visit to Petersburg and New Salem, you were good enough to tell me the interesting story of your relative Dr. Chandler and the assistance that the young Abraham Lincoln gave him at a critical moment. I thought then, you remember, that it would be possible for me to use Dr. Chandler's picture, and you very kindly obtained one for me; but as my work went on we found that it was going to be practically impossible to use portraits of many of Lincoln's associates. In my former magazine work we used a great many but my present publishers want to confine the illustrations as closely as possible to Mr. Lincoln himself, and that has been done. The result was that I did not use Dr. Chandler's picture.

I might have returned it earlier, but there are so many details in handling a large number of photographs, as we have had to do in this piece of work, that many things have been delayed. The picture goes to you, registered, today, however, and I hope it will reach you in good order and that at your convenience you will let me know of its arrival.

I am curious to know about the restoration of New Salem. What have you been able to do? And when, if ever, are you going to repeat the pageant?

Will you now remember me to Mrs. Frackelton whose courtesies to me in Petersburg I have by no means forgotten, as well as those of your townsmen who were so cordial and helpful.

Thanking you again for the trouble you took in getting the picture for me, believe me

Very sincerely yours,