

December 21, 1922

Mr. H. S. Latham,
The Macmillan Company,
64 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have your note of December 18, and I am a little bothered about it.

In taking up your suggestion that the present two volume Life of Lincoln be reissued in one volume, with a 10% royalty, I was under the impression that you intended to keep the two volume Life alive and to continue my present royalty on that. If that is to go out of existence - and you know better than I do, I think, whether that is wise - frankly, I don't quite see why I should relinquish my regular royalty on the one volume Life. I suppose you will print from the present plates, so that it will not be a particularly expensive book. What's the idea?

Have you any schemes for placing this that need my co-operation? If it is to go out as a trade book, pushed only by your usual conservative methods, it doesn't seem to me quite fair. I am telling you frankly how I feel about it and expect you to answer me with equal frankness.

I hope you won't mind if, in this connection, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,