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My dear Mr. Henderson:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me this pleasant story of the impression Mr. Lincoln made on Mr. Kennedy. I am glad to have it.

Now as to the story that Mr. Lincoln came up from Washington on a gun boat to call at Mr. Beecher's house on Columbia Heights before the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, one would have to have more than the recollections of a second generation. I have never attempted to follow up the legend. I believe that it was more than a legend, which it may very well be. Some of these days if I have time I am going to look into it carefully. It ought to be capable of truth, if he did make the visit, which candidly I doubt. However, I have often been wrong in my doubts.

I am glad to have you jog my memory about this matter and if I ever straighten it out to my satisfaction I shall pass on my information. Thanking you again for your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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