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Madison, Wisconsin,
March 31, 1938

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City, New York

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I just received your letter, and shortly after reading it I came across two other interesting references to autographed letters of Mary Lincoln, advertised for sale by Thomas F. Madigan, 48 West 49th Street, New York. I enclose herewith the reference and perhaps you might induce Mr. Madigan to permit you to see the letters in question.

I sincerely hope that you will continue your researches into the life of Mary Lincoln. This is a much neglected field of biography and I really think it needs literary ability and research knowledge to set to rest many of the false impressions with reference to Mrs. Lincoln. Until quite recently the reading public has had only the sensational stories concerning her. If the same rule were applied to Lincoln we would have a distorted view of the subject.

I am very much interested in securing, whenever I can, autographed letters of interest. If you come across any that you would care to part with, I would be an appreciative recipient.

Wishing you continued success, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Geo. P. Hambrecht
KC
Enc.

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AN UNUSUALLY FINE ONE AND IS IN FULL, "Abraham Lincoln."

107. **LINCOLN, Abraham.** A. D. S. "Logan and Lincoln." 1p., 4to. n. d. (1854). $150.00

AN INTERESTING MEMENTO OF LINCOLN'S DAYS OF LAW PRACTICE IN THE ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT. This document relates to a suit for damages growing out of a trespass. The case is that of James P. Langford vs. Adam Johnson and by this document the clerk of the Sangamon Circuit Court is required to issue process in the case.

108. **LINCOLN, Mary.** Wife of President Lincoln. A. L. S. 6pp., 8vo. Chicago, Nov. 2, 1867. On heavy mourning stationery. $75.00

LONG AND CHARACTERISTIC LETTER CONDOLING WITH A FRIEND ON THE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER and referring to her own "great, great sorrow." She writes also of her "noble friend Sen. (Charles) Sumner, who was so closely associated with us in Washington, called to see me a few weeks ago, while in Chicago. His brow, too, was troubled, and his heart I presume more so, owing to the cruel rumors afloat regarding his wife and himself. . . . Mr. Sumner is a very sensitive man. I wish we could see some such man President. Do you not?" etc.

109. **LINCOLN, Mary.** A. L. S. 4pp., 8vo. Altoona, Pa., Aug. 19, 1868. $40.00

FINE AND INTERESTING LETTER from the bereaved widow of the martyred President. On mourning stationery. She writes that she intends soon to go abroad for medical treatment and that she will place her little son in school in Germany; speaks also of her friendship for Governor and Mrs. Curtin of Penna. "I can scarce express to you," she writes, "what a source of comfort they are to me." It will be recalled that Gov. Curtin was one of President Lincoln's closest friends. SCARCE.

110. **LINCOLN, Abraham.** BATES, EDWARD. Attorney General in Lincoln's Cabinet. A. L. S. 2pp., 8vo. Attorney General's Office, Washington, Jan. 31, 1863. To Hon. Benj. R. Curtis. $25.00

INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF A SCARCE AUTOGRAPH.

"I have been sick all this week, and so was absent from Court, but I hear that the great quicksilver case is fully argued.

"With regard to the other branch, the Fassat case, I had reason to think, from what you said to me, that you did not think it important for you to remain here, only to argue the few points, perhaps not very difficult, upon which that case must depend." Etc., etc.

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