

St David's, Penn & Feb 2-11.

My Dear Mr Mackenzie: -

My only point in asking you to agree with all the subscription edition of my Life of Lincoln under \$10.00 was to make clear that the subscription edition was not to be used for premium purposes or in any way in such a way as a subscription edition. I have no objection to modifying this feature so as to permit the sale of unbound sheets which you regard desirable at the regular price.

What has become of the copyright if it is not in your files? There must be such a document as in case of the other books - and which you have already assigned to me. Must I want of the proper documents to enable me to make a contract -

with my new publication for the Life of  
Sincerely

Very sincerely yours  
Lester. Parkell.

Mr. Cameron Mackenzie,  
McClure's Magazine,  
New York.

*It can't help being in competition of kind. I'm trying to prevent that. I think it's a cheap price to permit in the letter. I'm already worried to discuss it. (over)*

New York, February 2nd 1911.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

My only point in asking you to agree not to sell the subscription edition of my Life of Lincoln under \$10.00 was to make it clear that the ~~permission to issue the subscription edition was not to be availed of to issue the subscription edition in intentional competition with the ordinary edition.~~ *put in another and clearer form and was not to be used for this purpose. I have no objection to modifying this feature so as to permit the sale at lower prices of unused stock which you regard as unsalable at the regular price, and which, you desire to sacrifice in order to close out the subscription publication.*

I enclose the assignment of copyright for execution and the contract which ~~I give in return~~ for publication of the subscription edition as I think they should be. I have left the name of the publisher blank, not knowing whether you want it in the name of the S. S. McClure Co. or the Lincoln History Society.

Very sincerely yours,

*Not necessarily closing out the subscription. I'd like to bring out a printing of it. 2 issues*