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NEW YORK

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Mr. Philip M. Benjamin
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Dear Mr. Benjamin:

The photograph of Lincoln came to me in good condition although the two pieces of cardboard which were not too thick, were bent at the corners. The Post Office is no respecter of valuable photographs.

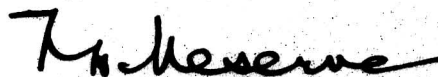
This is new to me, and I will begin a study and comparison of it next Monday as I am just now leaving for the week-end. I want also to try and compare the writing of the inscription on the back to see if I can determine who may have written it.

Will you allow me to copy it? I shall want to include it in the forthcoming Supplement No. 3 to my book, **THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN**, privately published in 1911.

Was this cabinet photograph, which purports to be a copy of a photograph, in Miss Tarbell's collection, or did it come from some other source? I would like its ownership history as far as may be for the description in the Supplement.

You are very good to send this to me, and I will return it promptly.

Truly yours,



F. H. Meserve

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