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Hon. Theodore E. Burton,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Burton:

This is an interesting incident that you bring up. I am sorry to say that I never came across the paragraph which you quote, in the form that you remember it; but I think it quite possible that "Mr Abraham Lincoln, a former member of Congress from Illinois" might have said something of that sort. I am sure that in his experience as a hired man he more than once found his lot more severe than that of some slaves. However, I cannot conceive of his using that as an argument for slavery, can you?

If I had the time I should attack a file of the New York Weekly Tribune, but it is out of the question, at present at least. I shall keep your letter and if ever I come across anything that is the same in substance, I shall be glad to let you know.

I appreciate your writing me. I am only too glad to have my attention called to anything that concerns Lincoln, particularly from one whose opinion I regard as highly as I do yours.

Sincerely yours,