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AUTOGRAPHS OF FAMOUS PERSONS

53 West 57th Street

New York

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Reis Library,
Allegheny College,
Meadville, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have been asked to sell a letter of Mary E. Surratt written on the morning of the day she was hung, protesting her innocence; and a letter of her daughter Anna to President Johnson asking for the delivery to her of the remains of her mother for interment in consecrated grounds. The War Department made delivery of the remains of Mary E. Surratt to her daughter Anna on February 8, 1869.

I have done a great deal of research on the letters and have established the authenticity of both of them. I have also established the fact that, so far as is now known, the Mary Surratt letter is the only genuine letter of hers in existence.

All photostats and other information will accompany the items when sold. The price for the two items is \$750., which, in my opinion, is very low considering their historical value.

If you are interested, and would like to see a reproduction of the Mary Surratt letter, I have the permission of the owner to send it to you on the understanding that you will return it within one week from receipt. The owner feels that in view of the fact that the letter has never been published he wishes to retain the full publicity value.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,



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