

April 16, 1923

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Morganfield, Ky.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter of April 2. I have been exceedingly busy.

I did not know that McClures had rejected your material. You see, I have no professional connection there, only a friendly interest in what Mr. McClure is doing. I should say that you ought to begin now to submit it to other magazines - Harpers', Scribner's, the Century. It is better for you to submit it directly. No editor likes to have a third party intervening unless the third party happens to be a friend, as I was in the case of Collier's and McClure's.

Now, about the pictures that we have used. I am sending you a set of numbers of the syndicate matter that we have been publishing, which shows just what we have used. I have marked in each one the photographs of yours that we used, the originals are at the office so I cannot be quite sure about them. Will you not check up on them? We are paying \$3. apiece for our photographs, will this be satisfactory to you?

I will be glad if you will look over the material, and if you catch me tripping anywhere, call my attention. You will see that I have spoken of your and Mr. Barton's investigations and of the value that I feel is in your findings.

You are quite right about many people preferring a traditional to an actual Lincoln. Even Weick in his book "The Real Lincoln", with the wealth of material at his hand, still insists on belittling Thomas; and in seeing nothing in the pioneer experience but poverty and hardship, not catching any of the meaning of the thing.

I wish your book was out that I might have the advantage of it. I am anxious for you to have the full first credit, I don't want to peach, so do hurry up and finish it and get it published. Let me know about the photographs and I will send you a check immediately.

Sincerely yours,