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Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. McIntyre:

I am returning to you today by Parcel Post, insured, the third installment of Ludwig's manuscript.

The story is exceedingly well told. He seems to me to have made a most intelligent choice of incidents, and his emphases are admirably placed.

A point which I think Mr. Ludwig should consider is whether he does not at times run ahead of Lincoln's thinking on the slavery question. I could not always be certain because I was not sure of just the period that he had in his mind. Believing, as Lincoln did, that under the Missouri Compromise slavery would ultimately be extinguished, he said little about it before 1854. After 1854 his struggle was not how to abolish slavery, which he believed had a right to exist south of the Missouri Compromise line, but against its extension. I am sure Mr. Ludwig understands this perfectly, but, as I read the manuscript, there seems to be a little confusion.

I enclose a few suggestions and minor corrections, drawn from the one reading which I was able to give the manuscript. I would gladly go over it again but I had not the time.

Sincerely yours