

March 16, 1925

John W. Wayland, Ph.D.,
State Teachers College,
Harrisonburg, Va.

Dear Dr. Wayland:

I have just come home from a rather long and hard trip of some six weeks and find on my desk your letter of March 12.

You ask me if I will tell you something about myself for the "Evening with American Writers" which you are planning at the College, but if I attempted to tell you anything this morning I am afraid it would be a lugubrious story of the fatigue of lyceum work, of which I have just done three weeks, and of examining documents, of which I have just finished ten days, so I am sending you the results of a couple of recent interviews in which I tried to answer for the interviewers about the same questions which I think you would want answered. This will be better for you than anything I can possibly do on the moment.

I am so interested in what you tell me about the old writing that you found at your next door neighbor's with the signatures of four Lincolns. I wonder if your neighbor would be willing to let me have it photographed - that is, if it is not too elaborate. Then I could have three copies made - one for the owner, one for you and one for myself, if you are quite agreed. You know it might furnish a clew to something or other of interest.

And so Miss Kate Pennybacker is going to sell her clock! Somebody will give her the \$5,000, I am sure - but not me.

I am glad your local editor was not "drowned" in Linville Creek. Our adventure was quite exciting enough. It is interesting to have "got in" but we would have missed our rather peppery visit with Miss Pennybacker if we had gone in all over, and I would not have missed that for a farm.

My sister is here with me and she sends her best regards to yourself and Mrs. Wayland. We are intending one of these days to motor down to the Shenandoah Valley, and you may be sure we shall make you a call if you are anywhere in the vicinity.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,