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My dear Sir:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter of July 6 - I have been out of New York.

You ask if the paragraph quoted in your letter which, you say, is painted upon the canvas of a portrait of Abraham Lincoln which you have been asked to exhibit, is authentic.

I cannot recall ever having come across these sentences in any of Mr. Lincoln's writings. I do not believe that they are his. He never was connected with the "Know-Nothing" or American party, the Ku Klux of his day. He had friends among Catholics. He was, in my judgment, too tolerant ever to have said or written what you quote.

Very truly yours