

Washington, Feb. 20. 1849.

C. R. Weller, Esq.

Dear Sir:

This is Tuesday evening, and your letter enclosing the one of Young & Brothers to you, saying the money you sent by me to them had not been received, came to hand last Saturday night - The facts, which are perfectly fresh in my recollection, are these; you gave me the money in a letter (open I believe) directed to Young & Brothers - To make it more secure than it would be in my hat, where I carry most all my packages, I put it in my trunk - I had a great many jobs to do in St. Louis, and by the very extra care I had taken of you, overlooked it - On the Steam Boat near the mouth of the Ohio, I opened the trunk, and discovered the letter - I then began to cast about for some safe hand to send it back by - Mr. Yeatman, Judge Pope's son-in-law, and step-son of Mr. Bell of Tennessee, was on board, and was to return immediately to St. Louis, from the mouth of Cumberland - At my request, he took the letter and promised to deliver it - and I heard no more about it till I received your letter on Saturday - It so happens that Mr. Yeatman is now in this City; I called on him last night about it; he said he remembered my giving him the letter, and he could remember nothing more of it - He told me he would try to refresh his memory, and see <sup>me</sup> again concerning it to-day - which, however he has not done - I will

try to see him to-morrow and with you again - He is a young  
man, as I understand, of unquestioned, and unquestionable charac-  
ter; and this makes me fear some pick-pocket on the boat  
may have seen me give him the letter, and slipped it from  
him - In this way, never seeing the letter again, he would, natural-  
ly enough, never think of it again - Yours truly

Abraham Lincoln

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