

Washington, Feb. 20. 1849.

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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 yours, overlooked it - On the Steams Boat near the mouth of the Ohio, I opened the trunk, and discovered the letter & 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 ~~else~~ of it - He told me he would try to refresh his memory, and see again concerning it to-day - which, however he has not done - I will

try to see him to-morrow and talk with you again - He is a young
man, as I understand, of unquestioned, and unquestionable character
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 naturally
enough, never think of it again - Yours truly

John Lincoln
and at all my best and kindest regards to your
Lindbergh & wife & son (which I expect will be in
the post office soon) and thank you for the
address and for a sample postage so the first good
account of him and his mother & myself will be
in the world's knowledge of him and he can
not be kept secret for long it will be told
wherever he goes and will be told the moment we
return - I had a nice time and do not feel
at all fatigued now and am very well though not
as active as I was two weeks ago in consequence of
the accident but I am getting along well and
expect to be able to go about in a week or two
and will be back in time to help you get ready for
your return home and I hope you will be well
again and will expect to be - I remain in the
best of health and in much better spirits than
I was at first and going on much more easily
now and expect to be home in time to help you
with your return home and expect to get along well and
have a good time and I hope you will be well

A. Lincoln
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