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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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Dear Mr Black:

I have finished your articles on John Wilkes Booth, having read every one, and they are now clipped, pasted on sheets, and regularly filed.

Let me say that the articles contain more than accurate information and indeed your much commendation for your more than complete in every detail and so far as I am able to judge perfectly accurate, notwithstanding the assertion emphatically and often

made to me in years past. by the late Rev Dr Peters who knew Dr Armstrong in Atlanta that he was John Wilkes Booth which assertion I have many times flatly contradicted. The good Dr used to say why would Edwin when coming to Atlanta spend hours with Dr A. in search as he always did if he Dr A was not his brother.

I suppose you saw Kohlsaats article in one of our magazines written before his death in re the letter of Edwin asking for the body. Shepherd tells me that the original is now in the "Reapers" in NY. I was able to be

of some assistance to the great Editor when he was at the Dept looking up data for his article which we have on the records.

Again asking your acceptance of my personal thanks for your courtesy and hoping for the pleasure I have had in meeting you if you come to Washington,

I am,

very sincerely yours

Jno B Randolph