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Dear Sir:-

It was a great service to the country generally when you gave us the facts concerning the life and crime and subsequent history of John Wilkes Booth. I was a very interested hearer in Mr Garretts audience 25 years ago, when he gave his lecture, "A Nations Tragedy," in Talladega, Ala. In this lecture, he gave us a full and true account of Booth's coming to his father's (The Elder Garrett) home, his stay there and the shooting of Booth. Mr. Garrett was 8 yrs old at the time Booth was killed.

Now I am asking you to run down and publish the facts concerning the paternity of Abraham Lincoln. For years a story has been current here that Abraham Lincoln was the illegitimate son of John C. Calhoun and that Nancy Hanks father and mother paid old man Lincoln to carry Nancy over to Illinois and marry her. Today another and better authenticated story is reported to me that Abraham Lincoln was not a bastard, but that his mother was the

bastard daughter of Lucy Hanks by a Virginia planter. Can you lend your ability and the columns of your paper to the truth, and clear up forever, the atmosphere of falsehood that has so long hung about the peak of this great mountain — Abraham Lincoln? State the truth — no matter what that may be; as you will, if you take up the task. Or is this too much of a scandalous matter to put in print in your clean and virile paper?

Respectfully

J. T. Gillis