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Attention Mr F L Black

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Gentlemen:

In compliance with your letter of November 29th to our Mr W K Edmunds, the writer is attaching hereto list of all documents covered by subject 81 of the Northwestern University's "book auction". The writer personally inspected and saw each item as enumerated in list.

There is also enclosed a more descriptive list of these subjects as prepared by the University, which may be of interest to you in making your decision.

Very truly yours,

A R Reich

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Secy of War

1. War Dept communication from Edwin M Stanton/dated 8-25-63 to the President, with his autographed reply on reverse s side.

2. Memo communication from U S Grant dated 5-21-65 to Capt H W James , A QM Schuilkil A rsenal Phila requesting private watchman over his house in Philadelphia.

3. Undentified photograph.

4. Picture and newsclippings concerning members of the Court martial in charge of the Lincoln Assassination proceedings

5. Copy of the charge and specification against the conspirators other than Booth signed by I Holt, Judge A dvocate Genera l in charge of the Courtmartial.

6. Original order for the establishment of a Military Commission for the trial of the alleged a ssassins and conspirators, dated May 5th 1865 from the Executive Chamber.

7. Letter from Bloomington Ill by D Davis , and noted on the back "See this man be discharged," signed A L incoln. Also notation of the discharge by Stanton.

8. A ppointment by A ndrew Johnson of Wm Hunter to be Secretary of State during the illness of Wm Seward, Washington 4-15-65

9. Four photos of J Wilkes Booth.

10. C loth Lincoln badge April 14th 1865.

11. Ford Theatre program of the Booth play the night Lincoln was killed.

12. Currier and Ives color print of the assassination.

13. Picture of Lincoln from the original negative made in 1860.

14. A utographed photo of Booth.

15. Official sympathies from the French Government to Mr Adams Minister of the U S signed by Louis Blanc.

16. Five photos of Lincoln.

17. L etter by Mrs Lincoln to Messrs Miller & Grant asking sample of thread.

18. Letter by Garth Wilkerson to Mr Lincoln dated 1865 A pril 27 from London.

19. Letter to Cousin Susie from Fort Richardson A pril 15 signed by E A C haplin , 4th Mass N A Band

20 Letter from Wm Porter dated 5-11-65 from C o nsulate of U S Tripoli to W Fes ander (not very clear).

21 . Poem by Martin F Tupper entitled Lincoln's Martyrdom from England.

22. Drypoint of Booth.

23. Drypoint of Robert Lincoln

24. Photo of Mr Lincoln's General Staff of Union A rmy. A lso picture of Lincoln monument in Springfield. A lso picture of old capitol Prison, Washington D C where the conspirators were confined and executed.

25. Picture of the home in which Mr Lincoln died, picture of Lincoln funeral car in Washington, two pictures of Sergeants Boston Corbett, picture of Mrs L incoln and Mr Lincoln.

26. Photo of Lincolns second inauguration 1865, with newspaper photo of same pas ted on the rear.

27. Photo of the prison grounds,scaffold and coffins with the bodies still hanging July 7th 1865.

28. Pictures of Mrs Mary E Surratt, and her son John with two newspaper clippings .

29. Pictures of Lincolns Springfield home, his guard of Honor with attached description.

30. Picture of Geo A Atz erodt, conspirator hanged July 7 1865.

31 Picture of unknown suspec t.

32. Picture of Lincoln's statue, Was hington.

33. Interior and exterior views of the Lincoln log cabin.

34. Front page of New York Herald A pril 16th announcing the death of the President.

35. Group picture of the President, Vice President, and all who signed the amendment of the Constitution abolishing Slavery

36. Grouped picture of Lincoln and cabinet.

37. Photo of another unknown suspect.

38. A utographed drypoint of Lincoln.

39. Etching of ~~the~~ St Gauden of Lincoln in Lincoln Park Chica go at present.

40. A utographed drypoint of Lincoln.

Photo of

41. Thomas M Harris, Major General and autographed by him.

42. Grouped pictures of Booth and associates.

43. C loth mourning banner of Lincol n

44. C ollection of six pictures,
    1. Locomotive Constitution
    2. Funeral car waiting for the body.
    3. Body lying in State at City Hall New York
    4. Locomotives Constitution and Union
    5. Funeral train waiting.
    6. Arrival at Depot

45. Final signed document by President Lincoln, signed the day before his assassination. This is in a glass frame, as is.

46. Photo of Bier lying in State.

47. Group photo around death bed of Lincol n among which were his cabinet and senators.

48. Photo of Livery sta ble from which the horse was hired that Booth ran away after shooting President Lincoln A pril 14 1865.

49. F ive pictures,
    1. Catafalque on Penn A ve Washington DC
    2. Chair in which L incoln s at when shot.
    3. View of Presidents double box at theatre.
    4. Side view of chair in which he was shot.
    5. A nother view of the box.

50. Photo of house of Mr Peterson where Lincoln was taken opposite Fords Theatre where Lincoln was taken and died .

51. Photo of Fords Theatre in which Pres. Lincoln was shot.

52. News items of execution of Lincolns conspirators with better view of bodies still hanging.after the drop.

53. P oto of graves of the conspirators July 7, 1865.

54. A nother execution pictures where they are adjusting the nooses, July 7 1865.

55. Photo of "Read of death warrant on scaffold 7-7-65.

56. A nother photo of Prisiners arrival and being seated before hanging.

57. View of scaffold before prisioners arrive 7-7-65.

58. Photo of David E Herold, one of the conspirators.

59. Photo of Lewis Payne - ditto

60. Photo of Lewis Payne and his guard.

61. Photo of Lewis Payne handcuffed.

62. Photo of Edward S pangler, conspirator , imprisoned for life and later pardoned by President Johnson 3-21-69.

63. Phto of David E Herold handcuffed.

64. Photo of Samuel Arnold, imprisoned and later pardoned by President Johnson.

65. Photo of Michael O'Laughlin, imprisoned for life and died of yellow fever 9-23-67 at 7 am.

66. Photo of same person as #65.

67. Obituary of A braham Lincol n, showing also names of all men of his cabinet and their staffs .

68. Photo of Lincoln and eight members of his cabinet.

69. Photo of Lincoln undated .

70. Photo of Lincoln , senators and members of congress who voted for, the President, Vice President and Speaker who signed the amendment to the constitution abolishing slav ery.
Photo of Lincolns log cabin 1898.
Six stamps of the Lincoln period, also illustrated proclamation of Emancipation.

A REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF AUTOGRAPH LETTERS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS, ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER MEMORABILIA RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

LINCOLN, Abraham. A HIGHLY INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF OVER ONE HUNDRED AUTOGRAPH LETTERS, DOCUMENTS, ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS, AND OTHER MATERIAL RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND THE TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CONSPIRATORS, INCLUDING THE LAST COMMISSION SIGNED BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN ON THE DAY BEFORE HIS ASSASSINATION, AS WELL AS OTHER LINCOLN AUTOGRAPHS; SECRETARY OF WAR STANTON'S ORIGINAL ORDER ESTABLISHING A MILITARY COMMISSION FOR THE TRIAL; JUDGE HOLT'S OWN COPY OF HIS CHARGE TO THE JURY IN THE TRIAL OF THE LINCOLN CONSPIRATORS; THE FIRST OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON THE DAY OF LINCOLN'S DEATH; AN AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOGRAPH OF JOHN WILKES BOOTH, AND MANY OTHER ITEMS. Together about one hundred pieces, neatly mounted or hinged on royal 4to. boards, the entire collection enclosed in a half blue morocco protecting case.

A REMARKABLY FINE AND IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF LINCOLNIANA RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT, THE

APPREHENSION OF THE CONSPIRATORS, THEIR EXECUTION, THE FUNERAL OF THEIR VICTIM, etc. In addition to the autographic material present, there is a splendid series of photographs of the principal places and events of the assassination. Among the letters and documents are the following:

LINCOLN, Abraham. D.S. 1 p., oblong folio. Washington, April 13, 1865. PROBABLY THE LAST COMMISSION EVER SIGNED BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN. This fine document represents one of the last official acts of the great President. On the day before his assassination, Lincoln affixed his signature to the commission of William Pitt Kellogg as Collector of the Port of New Orleans. Kellogg, one of Lincoln's fellow-members of the Illinois bar during the fifties, had served as a colonel in Missouri under General Pope, until forced to resign from the army on account of ill health. Several years after the close of the Civil War he was elected governor of Louisiana. The commission is signed also by Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury in Lincoln's second cabinet. The signature of the President is, of course, in full, as was customary.

LINCOLN, Abraham. AUTO. ENDORSEMENT SGD. on back of 3 pp., 8vo. A.L.S. of David Davis, April 11, 1865. PRESIDENTIAL ORDER FOR THE DISCHARGE OF A SOLDIER, WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY LINCOLN THREE DAYS BEFORE HIS ASSASSINATION. This unusually

interesting endorsement, one of the last official acts of the martyr President, bears also a signed notation of Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War. Lincoln has written, as was his custom in such cases: "Let this man be discharged. A. LINCOLN, April 11, 1865." And below the President's endorsement, Secretary Stanton has added: "Free the discharged as directed immediately. EDWIN M. STANTON."

STANTON, Edwin M. AUTOGRAPH DOCUMENT. 1-1/2 pp., 4to. Executive Chamber, Washington, May 1, 1865. A LINCOLN ITEM OF THEGREATEST HISTORIC INTEREST, being Secretary Stanton's original draft of the order for the establishment of a military commission to try the conspirators implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln and the attempted murder of Secretary Seward. The order, which is entirely in Secretary Stanton's autograph, is dated May 1st and was issued a few days later. The commission, composed of officers of high rank and distinction, began its sessions almost at once, sitting in Washington through the months of May and June, and on July 5th passed sentence upon the nine prisoners. Payne, Herold, Atzerodt, and Mrs. Surratt were sentenced to be hanged; Dr. Mudd, Arnold, and O'Laughlin to imprisonment

for life in the Dry Tortugas; and Spangler to imprisonment for six years. The first few lines of the order run as follows: "Whereas the Attorney General of the United States hath given his opinion: That the persons implicated in the murder of the late President Lincoln and the attempted assassination of the Honorable William H. Seward, Secretary of State, and in an alleged conspiracy to assassinate other officers of the Federal Government at Washington City, and their aiders and abbettors . . . are lawfully triable before a Military Commission. It is ordered that the Adjutant General detail nine competent military officers to serve as a commission for the trial of said parties. And that the Judge Advocate General proceed to prefer charges against said parties for their alleged offences and bring them to trial before said Military Commission." Etc., etc.

HOLT, Joseph. Charge and Specifications against David E. Herold, George A. Atzerodt, Lewis Payne, Michael O'Laughlin, Edward Spangler, Samuel Arnold, Mary E. Surratt, and Samuel A. Mudd. 4 pp., small folio. (Washington, 1865.) EXCEEDINGLY RARE. NOT MENTIONED BY FISH, AND NOT IN THE MAJOR W. H. LAMBERT COLLECTION. With the signature of the Judge Advocate General, Major General Joseph Holt, at the foot of the last page, and with two corrections of four words in his hand. At the end is written in ink, in an unknown hand, "By

order of the President of the United States, Judge Advocate General." This was Judge Holt's own copy, used during the trial.

JOHNSON, Andrew. DOCUMENT SIGNED. 1 p., 4to. Washington, April 15, 1865. PROBABLY THE FIRST PAPER SIGNED BY ANDREW JOHNSON AS PRESIDENT, on the day of Lincoln's death. This is the original order appointing Hunter Acting Secretary of State again, owing to Secretary Seward's having been gravely wounded by one of the conspirators, who attacked him.

BOOTH, John Wilkes. Lincoln's Assassin. ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNED ON THE VERSO: "Truly your friend, J. Wilkes Booth." A VERY RARE AND INTERESTING PIECE.

WALLACE, Lew. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED. 1 p., 8vo. Indianapolis, March 3, 1896. To A. E. Allen. General Wallace was a member of the Military Commission which tried the conspirators. A VERY INTERESTING LETTER DEALING WITH THE TRIAL. It reads in part as follows: "The trial of the assassins was perfect in every respect. No judicial inquiry was ever more fairly conducted." There was also enclosed in the original letter a photograph of the members of the Commission with identifying notes in the letter by Wallace. The original photograph is also present.

In addition to the above, there is a very interesting A.D.S. of President Lincoln on a letter of Secretary of War Stanton addressed to him; an A.L.S. of General Grant written shortly after Lincoln's assassination ordering that guards be placed around his house in Philadelphia; several letters of notable contemporaries of Lincoln, such as Louis Blanc, Garth Wilkinson, etc. relating to the assassination, a remarkable letter of a Union soldier describing vividly the tense situation in Washington on the day following Lincoln's assassination, etc., etc.

Among the many splendid photographs in the collection are the following: some of the Brady pictures of Lincoln in camps, Ford's Theatre, the box in the theatre where Lincoln sat, the chair in which the President sat, the Petersen house in which Lincoln died, the conspirators including Mrs. Surratt, eight remarkable photographs of the old Capital prison, the prison yard, and phases of the execution of the conspirators, several original photographs of Lincoln, his second inauguration, a Currier and Ives colored print of the assassination, etc.