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W.J.Cameron, Editor,
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Dear Sir:-

My sub. to Independent expired in march (7th) and a letter from Norwood Ohio, indicates I have missed some Booth discussion. I sent renewal for paper in last mail.

Enclosed I hand you letter to read seal and mail to Mrs. Madge D.Bates, Memphis, Tenn., and if you desire you may copy and use in the J.W.Booth discussion, as well as the two letters from Mrs. Bates, which please preserve and return to me.

As you can see from the statements, Mrs. Bates is the widow of Finnis T.Bates Atty. who is author of the "Escape and Suicide John Wilkes Booth", a book that sets forth the thesis, that Booth was warned by Confederate troops at the Garret home, of approaching danger from Federal troops and that he immediately left the Garret home and did not return, but that a Mr Robey, who was overseer of the Cox farm was then returning with Harold (The accomplice of Booth) from Bowling Green, Va. whither they had gone on business, after Robey had recovered from the negro driver's wagon a Canandian check and some papers which Booth lost from his pocket while smuggled in the wagon on the escape trip southward, and that Robey was the man with Harold at the Garrett home on the night of thecapture and killing and hence Robey was the unidentified man killed instead of Booth--being himself innocent except as he was abetting Booth in his escape.

It is my opinion that Bates is right and the other historians wrong, and that the preserved mumified body of John Wilkes Booth is

unanswerable proof of that fact. I challenge the oponents of this theory to dig up the burried skeleton in the Booth cemetery at Baltimore and prove to the contrary by a scientific surgical investigation of the right shin bone in that skeleton showing that it was fractured in the Ford theater--not a make believe examination--but an unbiased scientific test--and I challenge them to put Wilkes mummy in the posseion of Mrs. Bates to the same test.

There are always, in a case like this, certain proofs built by the hand of God, that stand out as plain as mountains and valleys or the rivers that cut their channels to the sea.

I repeat what i think I wrote you before, "I will put the "Mark of God" on that shin bone against all the lies ever peddled by courts and historians regarding the capture and death of John Wilkes Booth". What became of Kobey? Why did not the historians hunt him up and disprove this thesis? If this thesis is not right Kobey must be now living or buried somewhere. It is easy enough to account for Harold and Booth but where is Kobey? The answer is he is buried in Baltimore cemetery for John Wilkes Booth -- some more evidence of the painstaking accuracy and precision of Federal officials.

Of course, as long as Booth was living it stood his friends advantage to keep the country decieved as to his death and burial, but truth like the phoenix "will out" and from its own ashes go marching on. The mumefied form of John Wilkes Booth bears evidence to the truth.

I challenge the critics to come and see at #1234 Harbett Ave. Memphis, Tenn.

Respectfully,

James W. Zachary