p 208

What authority for statement re Bainbridge?

This is from Century Jan 1890 but ~~no~~ no acknowledgment of source is made -

The quotation here given from Bainbridge not correct refer - to Bainbridge statement

Page -

"directing him ~~a~~ to go into the wooded ravine, which we pointed out to him"

Implication here made that they sent Booth to one particular place so they could meet him later -

~~What~~ But Bainbridge actually states "We advised him to seek shelter in the woods - In those wooded Ravines you will never be found".

P 208
Nothing at all said by Bainbridge about Booth "carrying a heavy stick in his hand to support his lame leg."

P 209 –
Why the "abuse of confidence to disclose" name of party who states there is a family by the name of Ruddy living in neighborhood of Cox's Station?

?

Never any such family there – Gawers – Robys – Directories of County in Congressional Since 1870 – (?)

P210

Successfully Locating

Davis letter?

Fresno Cal — can't even

remember authority

~~Refer~~

This is still 1898 and

Bates has not as yet re-

ceived Treadwell's statement p130

p 213

of own Dept only — ~~and~~

The implication made in this page and 214 that the War Dept in 1898 was still in a conspiracy to hide the truth is vicious ~~under~~ by unexcusable — Mr Bates the same reasoning is guilty of protecting and ~~harboring~~ aiding the ~~convict~~ Murderer of Pres. Lincoln — in his concealment and escape and should be treated as an accomplice

page 215-216 —

Why didn't Mr Bates apply for the reward being so sure of his identification of ~~John~~ Pt Helen as John Wilkes Booth — ? He says in his letter to War Dept that he "has such facts as are conclusive

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that John Wilkes Booth now lives" - this was 1898 - but Mr Bates still kept matter from publication until 1907 - Furthermore, if he knew "Booth now lives" he must have had some idea where he was concealed at the time - But admit he ~~the only lawyers at the war Dept would seem to be their failure to arrest~~ didn't really know whether ~~at Helen~~ was on whether he was dead or alive -

P 213 - 218 - Legal reasoning so apparently shallow need no comment - By same process War Dept was lax 1865 in not investigating all dreams and

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trance revelations sent
them - The fact that they
were not interested in these
didn't grant Amnesty to the
Conspirators - Booth,
Herold, Payne etc -

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The appeal to the
American people made
here is an insult to
every American of ordinary
intelligence - ~~an~~ based
on the meager records
and physical evidence
in the possession of
Mr Bates.

P 220

Why doesn't Bates repeat ~~passage~~ the combination of Hays story—? It ~~speaks~~ of tell of Booth and Herold being in Washington all day the 14th of correspondence between Booth and his accomplices of the letter left by Booth for the Natl Intelligencer and gives reference to the C.T. But to quote this would have ruined Mr Bates' story.

Bates "was allowed to pass the guards"

Hay "was hailed by a sentry, but persuaded the sergeant of the guard that he was returning to his home in Charles County and that he had waited in Wash till the moon should rise. He was allowed to pass". No comment need be made—

P 221

Hay does not say, "from the nature of things" Booth could have escaped"

Bates draws this conclusion from third paragraph back page 220 — where Hay says "if Booth had been — Etc —

And he does not say, but that there was no final escape save suicide for the assassin"

Hay Century Jan 1890 P 438 —

"With such devoted aid Booth might have wandered a long way; but there is no final escape but suicide for an assassin with a broken leg. At each painful move the chances of discovery increased."

The reader will easily notice considerable difference in these two statements the change in

these statements is on a par with the silly and inane comment "It was this power of foreseeing the possibility of coming events that made Secretary Hay the greatest of diplomats".