P.S. -

Mr. Black: -

Kindly keep me "cold" in all this affair. In the back ground now.

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Mr. Black:

Dear Sir -

I have but run my eye over two or three of the "numbers" sent. Take the issue of April 25" as to signatures. I am not an expert in writings. But is this idea, if worth anything? The signature as, ~~above~~ below the one said to be the genuine of the party in question. There is a lot of difference, sure. But take a man - living as was this supposed guy - wishing to ~~kept~~ keep his identity under cover - to be found meant the hang-mans scaffold for him - and being a man of great ability - with a brain schooled in the handling of problems for self preservation - why shouldn't a man in a situation such as this fellow was in slip over a ficitious ~~style~~ handwriting - and years of practice would make the style quite natural -

There is one feature in the two handwritings somewhat similar -

The general air of boldness.

One more idea just to use up the balance of this sheet -

Certain individuals when questioned - and who were expected to say things in the sustainment of a certain side - or claim - deliberately expressed themselves to the contrary.

If I had been working in this case I should not have allowed such remarks to sidetrack me.

Why - Mr. Black - on an occasion like this who wants to - "show up" - when it comes to a "show down" - Especially when it comes to eminent characters like Clara Morris - and Joseph Jefferson & Especially in the worlds greatest mystery as to whether John Wilkes Booth was dead or alive -

Yours Sir -

J. F. Cook.

This is just a confidential communication - so consider. -

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