West New Brighton, N. Y.
August 3, 1925

Dear Mr Fred Black:

I have been absent from home for some time, and this accounts for my delay in replying to your most welcome letter and in thanking you for sending me the three first installments of your story of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. For one thing, I was absent in Boston to read my Ode to Bunker Hill when the city held a celebration of the one-hundred-and-fifieth anniversary of the memorable battle on the immortal hill.

Please have the kindness to pardon the delay, and I will hope to be more prompt with my pen in the future.

I have your installments for March 21, March 28, April 4. We do not find any later installments.

The three installments I have in hand contain one of the most interesting stories ever written of Abraham Lincoln. The style is simple and direct, and the incidents have all been placed in clear dramatic light.

I shall want to keep your series among my Lincoln chronicles, and I should therefore be happy to receive the installment that followed April 4.

I am inclined to think that your articles if placed in book-form would be received joyfully by all lovers of Lincoln. I think a publisher could be found.

Cordially Yours:
Edwin Markham