

PULLMAN BUILDING  
Chicago.

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Charles Marseilles, Esq.,

Exeter, New Hampshire.

My Dear Mr Marseilles:

I have your note of June 2d.

I am quite curious about the photograph of my father which you describe as representing him sharpening a pencil for my youngest brother. I never saw such a picture, and I supposed I had seen everything. Is it not rather a photograph representing him as looking at a photograph album upon his knee, and my brother "Tad" standing by him looking over it? I have seen the photograph to which I refer published in various ways,-for instance, describing it as "President Lincoln reading the bible to his son". It was a photograph album in the photographer's operating room.

It is quite impossible for me to furnish you

the timber you suggest for the frame. I have nothing of the kind myself, and do not believe in the authenticity of any wood designated as having come from any home of my father. If, however, you mean a piece of wood from my father's residence in Springfield,- that is of course still standing, but I do not own it any longer, it having been presented by me many years ago to the State of Illinois. It is now in charge of a Board of Trustees, of which the Governor of the State is the Chairman.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert M. Smith