Madison, Wisconsin
June 14th, 1865.

Mr. Jas. H. Ranett
My Dear Sir:

I notice by the paper,
also learn in correspondence
with Mr. M. Moore of Cincinnat,
whom I have made some
publishing arrangements,
that Mr. Moore's house is
soon to issue a work by
you on President Lincoln.

In looking over today's
issue of Col. Dan. Boone's
old Med. Field Notes, I memo-

 nada of surveys of land
in Kentucky, I made
this discovery—Which may,
possible interest you—viz:

"Abraham Lincoln entered
500 acres of land on a T. W.
[Lease Warrant] No. 5994. Beginning opposite Yancey's Copper line on the South side of the river, running south 200 poles, thence up the river for quantity.

Copy: J. Marshall, S.

This has no date—the preceding entry is Charles Yancey, "on the North side of Licking," next to the first entry preceding Yancey's is dated Aug. 16th, 1784. Lincoln's, is one for Danl. Boone for 300 acres "on the main Licking creek on the Northside," dated Aug. 16, 1784.

This will show the date. "Sinkhome" means Lincoln—see the index (Neither the entry nor index is in Boone's writing). It is plainly written in full. "Yance Lincoln"—I doubt not.

The President de Ceston

The Lease Warrant, was of course a Virginia warrant, or Col. Thomas Marshall (father of the Chief Justice) Surveyor of Fayette County, under Vice appointment could not have made the entry.

Col. Boone at this period was a Deputy Surveyor under Col. Marshall, the evidently made the survey—else I cannot see why this entry was made in his Book of Surveys. The Book of Warrant papers of Col. D. Boone were given me in 1857 by Col. Nathan Boone, whom I insisted to obtain materials for a work on his father.

I may add, that I once met an old Revolutionary soldier—over 20 years ago on
the borders of Mississippi
Tennessee, in speaking
of Col. Bragg, of the Lincoln, who
commanded in the battle in
1780, under whom he then
served, said that the soldiers
always pronounced his
name Lincoln.

All this yarn may
be of no special interest
to you—yet thinking it might
possibly serve you some
historical purpose, if not
too late, I thought I
would send it.

Very truly yours,

Syracuse, Drakes
Madison, Wis.
June 15th 1865.

Mr. Geo. H. Barrett

My Dear Sir:

I wrote you yesterday about an early land entry for a tract of land on the Licking River, Ky., in behalf of A. H. Lincoln, the ancestor of Abe Lincoln.

I mentioned the peculiarity in the spelling of the surname, that though recorded in a field book of surveys by Danl. Boone, as deputy surveyor under Col. W. Marshall, surveyor of Fayette Co., Kentucky, then in Va., yet the record was not in Col. Boone's handwriting.

I notice this morning the same entry in the same book on a subsequent page.
in Col. Boone's chirography.

Verbatim of letter as follows:

"Abraham Lincoln ented 500 acres at London a

Treasy Warrant No. 5794

Beginning opposite Charles

Yancey's upper line on the

South side of the River

Running South 200 peters the

up the River for quantity

17th December 1782"

The misspelled words

"upper" "December"

"appears I find them.

The date at the close is the time of entry; the

Survey was made by Brown

doebles as indicated

in my Yesterday's note,

Aug. 16, 1784

I know this is a small

matter - yet knowing the difficulty was al-

most impossibility of obtaining reliable in-

formation of matters

eighty odd years ago

I thought I would send

you the isolated fact, however trivial it

might appear to others.

Very truly yours,

Squire C. Wauke.

P.S. - Upon a careful

re-examination of the

above field book that I

am mistaken in saying

yesterday in my present

note that the preceding

proceeding entry to

that of A. W. Pinckney

were surveyed Aug. 16, 1784

that was the date

d of entry. There is nothing
then certain as to the
date of survey of Lincoln's
Entry—it was, however,
most likely in 1783 or 1784,
as Boone was much en-
gaged during those years
in exploring on the Bick-
y and Kentucky Rivers.
Pleasant Branch, Danville, Wis.
Dec. 7, 1862.

Hon. Mr. M. B. Bannett,
my dear friend:

Rev. Mr. D. Shane, late of Cincinnati,
now deceased, made many MS.
historical collections—among
them, the following memoranda
respecting the captivity of his
kinsman, Lincoln, near Fisher's
Station, within a mile (I think
about east) of the present
Davieville, Boyle County, Ky. I give
the memoranda in entire, as
precisely as Mr. Shane noted
it down from the lips of the
aged Mr. Sarah Graham,
of Bath Co., Ky., who was nine
years old at the time, when the occu-
prence took place, residing
with her parents at the time
in Fisher's Station. The unit
of Mr. Shane to Mrs. Graham
was not far from 1845, and all
is given in the District Court.
Abraham Lincoln, two or three weeks before the Fairchild battle, had started one Monday morning to go in to Virginia. Had been out to look at the country, and make ready to remove his family. After he had started, he turned back to get some thing at Danville; then, I think, Crow's Station—perhaps Danville was not given to the place the several years after 1862 and saw five Indians. He saw they took after him, caught him. He said they were spies. If he hadn't seen they wouldn't have troubled him; but when he saw they knew he had seen them, called him a dog for it. Made him wear the gauntlet and kept him 18 months. The Indians laughed heartily after they had gotten him off at these little devils they had been rained on the day before. We were forbidden to venture off from the Station [Ashe's], but on the day before they were Sunday, a parcel of us had gone off to gather wild cherries and paw paws. I then came to the sink hole where was a spring, in it to drink. The boys saw the tracks in the edge of the pond near the sink hole, finger-prints, and told us to fly for our lives; that the Indians (who were in the same at that time) were in the sun. The boys were soon out of sight, and I was left the last behind, and had to guess my way home. When I came in I could hear them—they were all talking about it. But it was Sabbath. I never let on, or told a word of it; my parents would have raved me such a lecture, I would have wished myself
Some where else. Spy Indians were about every year.

Such is the entire memorandum.

As the Blue Rock battle was Aug. 19th 1782, this capture of Mr. Lincoln must have been the last of July or early in August—probably in August—till 1783. It seems to me, we'll rather early for the Indians—maybe not.

He is called Linchorn. Once met an old Revolutionary soldier in 1841 or 42 on the border of Pennsylvania to Illinois. He had served under Gen. Henry Lincoln at a camp at Charleston in 1779-80, and invariably spoke of him as Gen. Lincoln. That seems to have been a Southern pronunciation.

It is most likely Lincoln was captured by the Shawnees, as they were most active in their warfare against the Kentucky people.

I am thankful for a kind promise to try to furnish me with copies of all papers in the Senator's Office relating to Gen. E. L. Clark; first sending a list to avoid doing the colleague a lot. I say already have.

I just received your letter before but have been at Toledo attending my father in his last sickness. Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Pleasant Branch,

Dave Co: Wis 27, May 24th.

Hon. Jos. H. Benet,

My Dear Sir:

Your kind favor of the 1st ult. I duly received with thanks. I have no doubt of your sincere good wishes in my behalf, and your earnest desire to aid me for the furtherance of my historical aims. I hope to secure a clerkship in your Bureau. You mention that Wisconsin is in excess of its quota of clerks of that fact Mr. Ed. Campbell, late Mr. John Brown, who wrote me that he had called on both your Secretary and Browning, was fully aware of the facts but...
Difficultly, in Mr. Browning's suggestions. I felt with him the recommendation of one, the consent that I should be changed to Tennessee, a state that had few or no clerks in the departments.

A while since, wrote to Senator Bodkin about the matter - the Senate a strong endorsement of me - desired to Secretary Brown, but I have not forwarded it. I have no intention of doing so.

I have concluded that it is not best for me to seek the position — the difficulties in the way of getting a place have had their influence.

With me — another reason, my health is not firm, I to go regularly into the working house would probably tend still more to break me down. Must nurse myself as well as I can for workfulness.

I now think of making a jaunt in Ill, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, perhaps Kentucky, in the latter part of summer. Autumn for healthiness.

If possible, you remain in your present position, next year to visit Washington, see what I can find, without permission, in the Pension Bureau appropriate to my purposes.

Some weeks since I sent you by mail, two