

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5, 1859

Dear Aunt

I have recently had two letters from our Cousin Charles bearing relation to your business - He asks me to have to pay that I can not collect money now. I now believe the quickest way I can get you money is for me to buy the debts of you, as soon as I can get in any money of my own to do it with. I keep some money loaned at ten per cent, and when I can get hold of some, it would be a ready investment for me to just take these debts off your hands, and I shall try to do so - I think it will be better all round than to pursue to the law. This does not apply to the small debt of eighty over or less upon which I shall ^{send} you ^{one} ^{few} ^{dollars} ^{below} the ^{market} ^{rate} ^{of} ^{interest}.
All well. Yours truly, A. Lincoln

To Mrs. Maria Lincoln Bullock