(Mrs. Lincoln to Anthony, N.Y. photographer who succeeded Brady and acted as Brady's agent in that city. Undated, perhaps 1861-2)

Washington

Mr. Anthony

Dear Sir—

At Mr. Brady's gallery here, in the city, they tell me, they sent on some of my photographs—On yesterday the principal persons at the establishment told me they would send you a dispatch to have them destroyed. You will certainly oblige me, by doing so. The only one at all possible is the one, standing, with the large figured dress—back almost turned—showing only side face. You will readily remark which is the one—This you might retain—On Monday I will sit for another, which we will send you, if you will destroy the others. Please answer.

Very respectfully

Mrs. Lincoln.

(Original in Chicago Historical Society)