Chicago, May 3,

My dear Mrs. White,

It has been quite a time since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you. In fact, I believe you are giving me a letter. This, however, will not deter me from writing you today, as certain instructions prompt me to do so.

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companion. I write this almost unintelligible note. How dearly I would love to have you go once at the time I do, I fear from what my physicians tell me, I cannot delay it longer than the 1st of July. Will you not consider the subject and join me at that time? We both have many pleasant friends in E. and a summer home in S. ready in the autumn in Switzerland would be delightful. I am only anticipating, and it is to England which my dear husband, intending we should take at the end of the term, with myself. I'll health and much sorrow forces me to go. I sincerely hope you will favorably consider what I have written and give me some answer. This subject, from me, does not argue a debt of $70,000!
At the Colonel's house, it was Judge David the administrator, particularly pleased about only $77 (seven dollars) was owing on my husband's estate and that for a country newspaper which he has nothing about. If such a debt or any debt existed what good fancy would have canceled this? It is my conscience that I do not owe a dollar in the world.
— but what little I have, I intend enjoying — and I can make myself more comfortable in Europe, than I can in the same amount of means in Chicago, which is possible if possible, I say, in high places. My health now demands the change & I do hope, my dear Emily —
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fidential. Through what fearful trouble I have been recently passing, my trust has been in my Heavenly Father & he has sustained me. Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Always Truly yours

Mary Lincoln
My dear Mrs. White:

It has been quite a time, since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you & in fact, I believe you are owing me a letter. This, however will not deter me from writing you to day, as serious considerations prompts me to do so. I am permitted to sit up whilst I write you a few lines as for the past three weeks, I have been seriously sick. (Three lines here scratched out in black ink seem to read as follows:)

My disease is of a womanly nature, which you will understand which has been greatly ac-

elerated by the last three years of mental suffering. Since the birth of my youngest son, for about twelve years, I have been more or less a sufferer. My physician, Dr. Clarke, a brother of Mrs. Lippincott

(Grace Greenwood) told me on yesterday, that he must prescribe an entire change of air, scene & for me. He thought going abroad would alone benefit me & advised me as soon as I could hear the change, to go to Scotland for the summer. Our old minister, a very good and intellectual man, resides there & has been always writing that I should visit Scotland & has promised to accompany me to some places of interest in that country. I have also a first cousin in Edinburgh Mrs. Judge Dickinson, of Cin-

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able school. In the winter, if my health continues so delicate, I shall pass it in the South of Europe. I am thus minute, in my details - as I am anxious that we should understand each other. Your daughter, Mrs. Mack, wrote me, that she proposed going to Europe, early in the Autumn, hoping that you had intended ac-

companying her - I write this almost unintelligible note. How dearly I would love to have you go over at the time I do, I fear from what my physician tells me, I cannot delay it longer than the last of July. Will you not consider the subject and join me at that time? We both have many pleasant friends in E - and a summer tour in S - & early in the Autumn in Switzerland, would be delightful. I am only anticipating, a visit to Europe which my dear husband, intended we should take at the end of his term with myself - Ill health and much sorrow, forces me now to go & I earnestly hope you will favorably con-

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My trust has been in our
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sustained me. Hoping
to hear from you, I remain
Always truly yours

Mary Lincoln

Written across top of first page
Under the circumstances;
pray excuse the scrawl
I send you
Chicago, May 2d. 1868

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Always truly yours,

MARY LINCOLN.