FROM MRS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN TO MRS. OLNE

Frankfort a Main

Dec.2d, 1869

My dear Mrs. Olne:

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Those bright sunny letters of yours! how cheery they are to my sorrow-stricken heart. If success comes- it will all be through your. God will bless you in this life for your noble efforts in behalf of a widow suppressed- what think you your reward in that hereafter will be for all your goodness!

I have given you a day or two to read over the letters of your other beaux ere I return to you Mr. Sumner's. I have so may such treasures of his in America. The "Yours faithfully" appears very familiar to me. In future I will be deserted by him for you, but I will forgive you both - in my great regard for both parties. In your future acquaintance with him you will find him the most agreeable and delightful of men. How could his wife have acted as she has done? It was a great mistake he made in marrying so late in life!!

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Lovingly yours,

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