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You request me to send to you an autograph of Abm Lincoln. Enclosed you will find a letter - a receipt, and a few lines of Mr Lincoln: They are true and genuine. I call you friend, because you are a friend to my good friend - Pres'dt Lincoln. He was a good man, a tender one - a noble man - a lovely - the loviliest character that belongs to American History. He will grow & widen with the ages: he had great honor - integrity; and on the whole a grand character. I never heard of an authentic case of his doing wrong. I never know him to do one, after a close acquaintance of thirty years. He had more virtue than other men, because he had less vice. He was human, and hence was not a perfect being - Still he was more perfect than is now known to the world.

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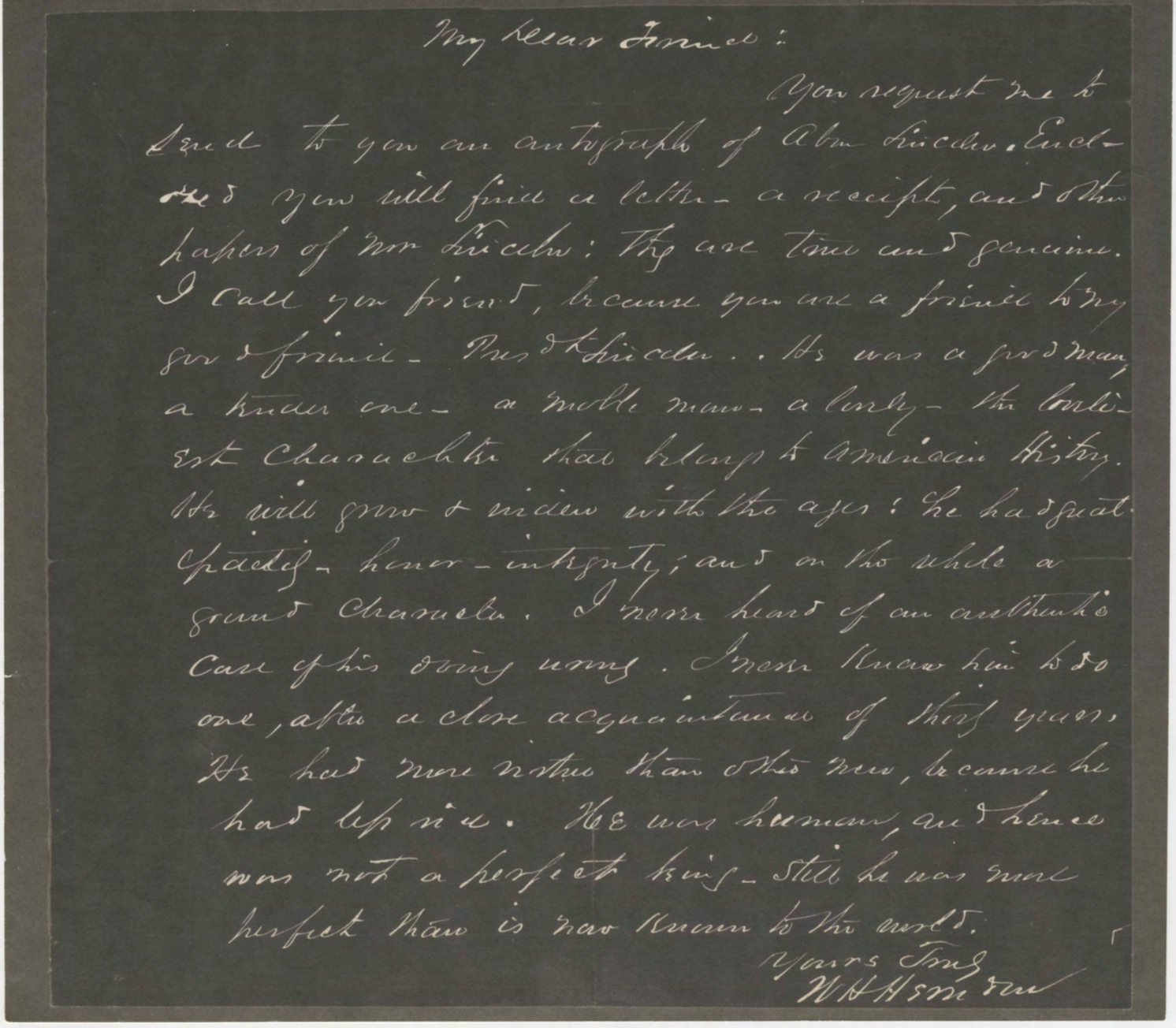

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