

Armstrong  
Case

received an Oxford Bible twenty years ago.  
H. Lincoln.

How touching to Christian a woman!  
How beautiful and how simple! The old  
lady, now 80 years old, prizes above all  
price.

Your friend  
J. F. Speer.

(Wm Walker)

Lexington Ms. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Hon. W. H. Herndon,

Dr. Sir:

In regard to the trial  
of Armstrong in Beardstown. It was testified  
by the witness that the deed was done about eleven  
at night, and that there was a bright moon,  
and I think an Almanac was brought in at  
my request for the year proffered from some  
one of the clerks offices below. The witness  
said he was some 30 yds distant and that  
he saw the blow struck with a slung shot.  
We showed by the Almanac that at the hour  
of 11- at night no moon was visible, and  
by other witnesses that at the time of the trouble  
it was quite dark. Mr. L. in his speech may  
have alluded to the absence of a moon to show  
that in as much as the witness was mistaken

or something else

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in regard to one thing, the Jury should receive all  
his Testimony with caution. Mr. Lincoln's argu-  
ment was that no Jury ought ever to convict  
upon such Testimony. The jury acquitted.  
Mr. L.'s speech was in every sense honorable,  
high-toned and professional. I think Judge  
Sumner was present during the trial and  
perhaps remembers the particulars of the trial  
as fully as I do.

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Truly yours &c  
W. Walker,  
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Washington, May 23, 1866.

My dear Sir:

I always take pleasure in answering  
a letter from you.

Mr. Seward announced the irrepressible  
conflict Oct. 25-1858, at Rochester. SEE works  
of W. H. S. Vol. II p. 289. Although in the  
great Senatorial debate of 1850 he expressed the idea  
several times it cannot be said that he distinctly  
avowed it until Oct. 25-1858. SEE works  
Vol I pp 88, &c. Also in his Cleveland  
speech Oct. 26-1848. Vol. III p. 291. I  
trust you have Mr. Seward's "works" in  
your State Library.

Yours ever  
C. E. Barker.

