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Everett Copy

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Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate— we can not consecrate— we can not hallow— this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here, have, thus far, so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us— that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion— that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain— that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom— and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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HONORE BUILDINGS,
CHICAGO

16 Dec 1889

Dear Madam

It gives me pleasure to inform you in reply. My father's Gettysburg Address was jotted down in pencil, in part at least on his way to the place. Mr. Everett expressed to him in gratification and upon his request my father wrote out the address in ink and sent it to him & this is no doubt the copy you have. My father made another copy in ink to be used in getting up a collection in lithographic copy called "Autograph Leaves of our Country's Authors" for the benefit of the great Sanitary Fair at Baltimore. and the fac-simile is contained in a copy of the book which I have. I do not know of any other autographic copy nor what became of the pencil notes. They were probably used in delivering the address and then destroyed but as to this I have no knowledge.

Very truly yours

Robert Lincoln

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The Keyes Gettysburg Address is that which Lincoln prepared for the New York Sanitary Fair, and was sold at auction together with the manuscript of Edward Everett's Address.

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3. The Gettysburg Address as
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Everett.

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