

West Lubec

Maine

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P. L. Bates Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor
came duly at hand. I have de-
layed answering on account of being
very busy. Accept my thanks for
your kindly expression that my
account of the pursuit of Booth is
the nearest correct of any that you
have seen. The likeness that I
sent you were taken from the
Century Magazine of April
1896. The account you will find
should you get one is my report
of the pursuit as far as Bryantown.
From there it is I think the report
of Col Wm P Wood who was with
me. It was written by Victor Mason
a Clerk I think in the War Dept.

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You ask which leg of Booth was broken and where, it was the right leg between the knee and ankle. He went into a barber shop and got shaved just before he went into the theatre to shoot the President. From that time until he was killed a razor had not touched his face. He had a full long mustache with about two weeks growth of beard. He suffered a great deal for my troops followed him so closely that he had no rest night nor day in peace until after he was captured and killed. I did not tell all that I could about his pursuit. He came out of one of his hiding places very early one morning and went to a negro cabin and offered a negro girl a twenty dollar gold piece for a bite of something to eat, before

he could get it he was obliged to
flee on account of the approach of a
squad of my troops under a sergeant.
He was kept in a state of semi star-
vation all the time of his flight

I have written to a friend of
mine to send me the address of
Miss Agnes Booth so that the next
time I write you I may have
something interesting

Respectfully yours
David D Dana