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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 22, we must decline to make any offer for an article, or a book, on John Wilkes Booth. Of the facts you mention we have not the slightest doubt. The rumor that John Wilkes Booth was still alive frequently reached Edwin Booth, the actor; yet it was frequently investigated and found false, or quietly ignored.

Thanking you for your courteous proposition, I am

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