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Description: Letter from John Wilkes Booth to Joseph H. Simonds

Dear Joe

I have been anx -ious to answer your letter and send you the power of attorney. but my dear boy you have no idea how sick I have been. last Monday was to have played Richard but was in bed till time for curtain to rise, And then substi -tuted, Iago, Wednesday night I could not play at all the rest of the week I struggled through, had two doctors Any quantity of pills mustard baths, And burning my throat with costic etc. Am not quite well yet. play Hamlet tonight will start for New O— Saturday I have just sent my box after the paper which I took this monning to a noting public, all right I have just got the power of attoming which I endance was induced surprised to find out the hew Thope he will do well. I have doud with him and God Willing will see you have to will have plenty of part adventures God bless zon for I lever your true hund gry south

I have just sent my boy after the paper which I took this morning to a notary public. All right I have just got the power of Attorney which I enclose in this letter.

I was indeed surprised to find out the new Manager of Museum I hope he will do well. I have closed with him. And God willing will see you April 25th, when we will have plenty of time to talk over my past adventures

God bless you Joe
I am your true
friend
J W Booth