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LINCOLN'S BEARD EXCITED MUCH INTEREST during his trip to Washington. About two days before his first sitting at the gallery, the *North American and United States Gazette* of Philadelphia commented: "We never before placed the proper estimate upon the picturesqueness of whiskers. Mr. Lincoln with whiskers is anything but the reverse of good-looking. His beard should never again be laid aside; with it he is a fine looking personage."

The first sitting in Washington was held for *Harper's Weekly*, apparently to satisfy public curiosity about Lincoln's beard. The President-elect posed in his best attire. George H. Story recalled that he seemed "elegant in dress and appearance, his clothes being made of the finest broadcloth."

During the sitting the exhausted President-elect scarcely moved. The wrinkles in his coat and in the sleeve of his tired right arm remained virtually unchanged throughout the five poses.

In printing an engraving of the photograph opposite (O-52B), *Harper's Weekly* noted: "We publish herewith, from a photograph just taken expressly for this paper, a PORTRAIT OF THE PRESIDENT"