



Ostendorf collection O-58B

IN THIS ENLARGEMENT of the carte-de-visite photograph (O-58B), the slight differences between it and the imperial photograph (O-57) become apparent. The exposures were made only seconds apart.

Businessman Thomas B. Bancroft of Philadelphia met the President in the summer of 1862, about the time this photograph was made. "His appearance," he wrote, "almost justified the gibes and jeers with which his enemies were accustomed to describe him—all but his eyes; here his soul looked forth . . . piercing and searching; not to be deceived, yet practicing no guile."