Charles Town, W. Va.

April 3, 1801

Mrs. Tarbell,

In reply to the within.

My home was in Jefferson

Co., Va. This section was mostly within the lines of the

U.S. Army. When I returned

home, every thing upon my

father's plantation was very

much out of repair, but

there was some stock, farming

implements, and small

creaps of growing wheat

corn. I borrowed money to

start with, and put my

hand to the plow.

Yours truly

Robt. Chen