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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
#270 West 94th St., New York

Dear Madam;-

Please accept our apologies for not having replied before this to your kind letter of April 30th in regard to our proposed Napoleon book. We have been exceedingly busy rushing some of our publications and also have had a change in our management which are the grounds for the apology we have to offer you.

In regard to the Ms. we entirely agree with ^{the} changes and additions you suggest. In the first place we agree with you that the correct title for the compilation should be, "Napoleon's Addresses" and not "Napoleon's Speeches". In fact, the former is the title we have had in mind all along and it was a misunderstanding on the part of our Mr. Knight in sending you the title "Napoleon's Speeches" We ^{also} believe with you that the following additions ought to be made.

✓ First: ^{My dear} ~~the~~ letter to the Directorate in regard to the Battle of Lodi and his ~~Address~~ ^{Address} to his soldiers on the same occasion.

✓ Second: His letter to the [✓] Directorate in regard to dividing his command with Killerman

Third: His Italian letter enumerating the list of treasures forwarded to Paris from the Italian Museums (1-52)

Fourth: ~~the~~ ^{the} two selections you mention in regard to his Egyptian affairs. ^{vol. IV. p. 354.}

Fifth: His correspondence with his brother Jerome in regard to his Baltimore wife.

Handwritten notes:
p. 470, v. 10. - Correspondence
M. ^{life} - p. 126,
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Sixth: His letter in regard to the Continental Blockade.

Seventh: One of his important letters to Alexander of Russia.

Eighth: His address to the legislative body on his return from the disastrous Russian Campaign. *Vol 24. p 605.*

Ninth: ~~His address to the old guard confiding Marie Louise to their~~ *part in McClellan's life.*
~~care,~~ also of course his ~~will~~, which as you say will be the climax ~~for~~
the whole selection. *Hazlett's V. III, p 452, stopping at "II".*

The only ones of your selections, which you see by the above list we have omitted, are the letters to the Directorate in regard to the frauds of the Army Contractors, and the letters to his brother Joseph during his last campaign about Paris, and we omitted these more from the fact that we do not care to run much over the limit of fifty thousand words than from any other reason. As you say, one of the faults of our compilation, is, that it does not contain matter from much of any authority, other than Hazlett and ~~Bourrienne~~ *Bourrienne*, the fact doubtless being that our compiler was not acquainted with the other sources you mention.

Now we should like to submit the following offer to you which I trust you will feel like accepting. We would like to have the person you mention add the balance of the compilation as outlined, under your general supervision, you only giving such time to it as is necessary and also limiting the attention you give to it by the other demands on your time. If you will undertake putting the entire MS into shape in this way we shall be glad to allow you another \$10.00 for the compensation to your assistant, making \$60.00 ~~that we pay~~ you for the biographical sketch and for the editing and improvements, instead of \$50.00 as we had originally

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planned. In this way we expect to get a much better MS, and that when you do send it back to us it will be entirely ready to send at once to our printer.

Of course, also, we shall be happy to send you ten or a dozen complimentary copies of the book.

Very sincerely yours

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