

Petersburg Ill
R. F. N. #1
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 E. 19th St
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am sending you booklet and think that you requested a new photograph of the Lincoln letter. There is no photographer in Petersburg but when my health improves shall try to take the letter to Springfield if you still desire it. Reading between your lines I think you doubted it being in my possession. It became unsafe to keep it at the N. S. Museum and I now have it in my lock box at the bank.

I will be 75 years old in July but was never treated in so impudent a manner as by Mr. Reep. He is "bull-headed" and not over intelligent and ruins every thing that he has anything to do with. You with their may miss the Ann Rulledge episode in the article but personally I do not believe there was an engagement. Yours truly
Ida Bale