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Mrs. Ida M. Tarbell,

President Lincoln wrote a letter near the close of his life, or at least during the war, to a Mr. S. Chase, an old friend. In

memorandum, the "William E. S. Chase" you picture in the March "M. T." etc., in which occurs the following. As a result of the war, corporations have become enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavour to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the republic is destroyed.

It is denied by the remnant of those it hits, that he ever wrote such sentiments. Do you

guest have you come upon such a letter? If not, could you have a search made
For it is the William E. Quinn's field?
I have seen more of it than I write.
He wrote few letters of greater importance
since he was discussing the greenbacks.
I think—and if you can establish its authenticity, it will be an achievement.

Very Respectfully

[Signature]