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My Dear Miss Tarbell:

If you make any use of Mr. Enos Clarke's statement about the conference between Lincoln and the Missouri Committee of Seventy, kindly mention his name in connection with it. I suppose you will do this anyhow, but as Mr. Clarke said it would be "very gratifying" to see his name thus used, and as he has been most courteous and obliging to me, I make special mention of the matter. Mr. Clarke informed me that he had been asked recently by "The Century" to write his story of this interview (for the February number, I understood him to say), but that he had not done so, and I infer that he has no intention now of contributing the article.

The widow of Gen. Fremont now lives somewhere in the state of New York. This for your information if you should wish later on to take up Fremont more fully than will be possible in connection with the Lincoln papers.

Mr. Enos Clarke tells me that Mr. John H. Bryant, of Princeton, Ill., has a Lincoln letter. You no doubt have a copy of it. It is addressed to Owen Lovejoy, I think, and relates to a political appointment for Mr. Bryant.

Very sincerely yours,

J. McCan Davis