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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell: -

I regret to have to write that I have not found a copy of the "Revised Laws of Indiana" of 1824 which can be obtained for \$25, which seems to me a fair price. R. E. Banta, Crawfordsville, Indiana, a good collector who occasionally sells things to the Historical Society and the State Library, informed me yesterday that there is one place where he might possibly get one. He promised to write to you direct this week.

Meanwhile, Barnett and Patton, 42 Virginia Avenue, Indianapolis, law book dealers, have told me that they have taken the copy, of which I wrote you last November, from one of their customers in exchange for other books. After considerable parleying, they agreed to let you have it for the Allegheny College for \$40. They promised to write to you to that effect.

I am not very hopeful about Mr. Banta, and, unless you hear from him before the end of the week, I believe the Barnett and Patton copy for \$40 is the best and indeed the only one available here.

You can order it directly from them, subject to its being complete and in good condition, or if you prefer I will get it and send it to you.

I feel badly about not turning up a copy for less than \$40; but it was my luck in the recent purchase of a fairly rare book for the Historical Society to have a second copy turn up just after acquiring a copy at a stiff price. I will be chagrined if this experience is repeated.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Christopher B. Coleman
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