

December 22, 1941

Mr. Roy P. Basler,  
Florence, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Basler:

It has taken some time to get to the investigation of the Lincoln material in Miss Tarbell's collection to reply to your questions in your letter of December 12.

First I must say that the correspondence over a period of 40 years is still in Miss Tarbell's study in Connecticut. She has been in frail health the past year, spending much time in the Hospital at Bridgeport and so has not done anything on this. It will come to this Library eventually. If she is able to give the matter attention now I believe her secretary could give you a reply on some of the letters listed on the sheet. Miss Tarbell's memory is remarkable and she might recall without having to search.

Miss Hendershot who has charge of our collection finds no reference to any of these letters here. In Miss Tarbell's book THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE LINCOLNS page 378 there is an excerpt from the letter to Nott.

I regret that we cannot be of more assistance. Miss Tarbell's address is Bethel, Conn. R.D. 1.

Very truly yours,

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Edith Rowley