

921 George Street
Pen Argyl, Pa.
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I wonder if you remember my having written you last January 30 concerning the subject of Lincoln's appointment of a substitute in the Civil War and then again after you had replied with the promise that if you should run down anything concerning the incident you would pass it on to me. Your letter was dated April 13 and I replied on April 17 with the inclosure of a clipping of the article on Lincoln's substitute which I had written for a local newspaper in February. Your secretary acknowledged my letter at the time and said that she would call your attention to the material which I sent on your return after several weeks out of the city.

Now I am again interested in adding to my information concerning Lincoln's representative recruit, J. Summerfield Staples, and should appreciate it greatly if you can direct me to any sources other than those mentioned in my article.

I wish to rewrite the article and make new additions of other material which I have located so that I can submit it elsewhere for publication in February 1939. I have also thought that I might be able to deal imaginatively with the incident; that is, I might be able to do a short story or small book on the subject.

May I tell you here how much I enjoyed reading your autobiography, *ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK?* You have had one of the most interesting careers as a writer - both in length and breadth - in America. May I add my hope that you may enjoy many more years as "an observer and recorder in words."

If you can give me any material on the above-mentioned subject or offer me any general suggestions concerning my proposed treatment for it, you may be sure that it will be very much valued and appreciated by

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Emery Jones