Miss Tarbell:

Enclosed please find copy of Union resolution, which you say in your valued former letter you think you may be able to use in some form in your letter life of Lincoln. I also send a copy of the Lincoln letter, and should you at any time desire it, I will have it photographed and forward to you with pleasure.

Of course we highly value the original, and would not like to have it pass out of our possession.

With great respect I remain,

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Morris.
Confidential

Springfield, Ills. Dec. 24, 1860

Hon. A. N. Morie
My dear Sir:

Without supposing that you and I are any nearer together politically than Marsepoy, allow me to express my sincere thanks for your Union resolution, expressive of resolve upon which we near me, and, I trust, near will be at variance.

Yours very truly,
A. Lincoln
Mr. Morris (Dem.) of Illinois, introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we properly estimate the immense value of our national union to our collective and individual happiness, that we cherish a cordial, habitual and immovable attachment to it, that we will speak of it as the palladium of our political safety and prosperity; that we shall watch its preservation with jealous anxiety; that we will countenance whatsoever may suggest even a suspicion that it can, in any event, be abandoned, and indignantly frown upon the first dawning of every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or infringe the sacred ties which now link together the various parts; that we regard it as which now links together the several states of our nation, as the main pillar in the edifice of our real independence; that it support our peace at home, our peace abroad, our safety, our property, our tranquility, our prosperity, our happiness; that we believe Abraham Lincoln to be the wisest, the best, the most beloved of our presidents, and that we regard the perpetuity of the Union in a peaceful and constitutional way; that we believe it has sufficient power to enforce every right growing out of its organization or pertaining to its proper functions, and that it is a patriotic duty to stand by it as our hope in peace, and our defense in war."

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was taken, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Year 116, naye 44.

Cong. Record Dec. 19, 1860.