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

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am interested in establishing the facts of the fodder pulling episode in Lincoln's youth involving a Mr. Crawford, whereby Lincoln obtained possession of a copy of the Weems, or as some authorities say, the Ramsay "Life of Washington."

Unfortunately I do not have your Lincoln biography available for reference. Do you have any facts or information bearing on this episode which you could send me? In lieu of any published material a statement of your opinion concerning the identity of Mr. Crawford and the title of the volume involved, together with reference substantiating your position, will be very much appreciated.

With every good wish for a very Happy Easter, I am,

Yours very truly,

