

17 Warren Rd,
So. Natick, Mass.

June 8, 1932

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City.

Dear Madam;

Having read and re-read your very interesting Life of Lincoln, I turn to you as an authority on one matter alone, that I should like to have settled in order to satisfy my own curiosity.

If as stated by some writers, Lincoln left an estate of about \$100,000. how was it that for a while Mrs. Lincoln was so reduced financially that she was compelled to keep roomers?

I being an autograph collector, I should appreciate your autograph as well as a reply.

Trusting that I am not imposing and with kind wishes, I am,

Resp.

Claude C. Simmonds