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My Very Dear Miss Tarbell,

I have the 4 vol. edition of your "Lincoln" and every one vastly more valuable and precious to me by your autograph and choice personal mention to me. I thank most sincerely the heart, head and pen that inscribed every line. There are none other in my library that I prize more than these beautifully bound four volumes with your pen inscriptions. You warmed an old man's heart.

There another surprise, – this in the financial line, – that tripped me clear off my business perch. Your publishers have sent me a refund – (just think of it, while you hold your breath, –) a refund from publishers, – this the sum of Six Seventy! Ask them to show you my letter? It carried them all past the Styx and the grim visaged Charon to Eternal Shores to meet St Peter at the Gates Celestial and gave Abraham Lincoln as their proper endorser, if so needed by St. Peter. My dear girl, good bye and as many kisses as you will allow, a 1000 miles away, from –

Your devoted Old Friend, Henry B. Rankin

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