

THE LINCOLN FARM ASSOCIATION

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April 1, 1916.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
The American Magazine,
381-4th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Our plan for having the Federal Government take over the Lincoln Memorial at Hodgenville, together with the \$50000.00 endowment fund, and maintain it in perpetuity as a National Park to which no admission fees shall ever be charged, has crystallized into definite form.

I am advised by Senator John Sharp Williams, Chairman of the Joint Library Committee, that the House Bill providing for taking over the Memorial has been reported out favorably, with a recommendation that its passage be made unanimous, and that the Senate Bill will be reported out favorably as soon as the Committee has in its possession the signed deeds and Assignment of Endowment covering the transfer to the United States Government. Copies of the above bills and report are enclosed.

Authority to sign these papers must be conferred upon the officers by specific action of the Board of Directors and as provided by the By Laws the Executive Committee has called a Special Meeting of the Board for Monday April tenth.

Notice of such meeting is enclosed together with proxy. I trust that you may be able to attend in person. If you will not, however, may I ask that you sign and send the proxy to my office by return mail.

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman Executive Committee.

TO ACCEPT DEED OF GIFT TO HOMESTEAD OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

FEBRUARY 18, 1916.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McKINLEY, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8351.]

The Committee on the Library, to whom was referred H. R. 8351, having considered the same, now reports it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the United States to accept as a gift not only the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born, but, in addition thereto, the farm upon which he was born; and, also, an endowment fund made up as follows: \$44,000 (par value) city of Louisville, Ky., 4½ per cent bonds, due in 1951; \$2,000 (par value) city of Louisville, Ky., 3 per cent bonds.

The present market value of these bonds is nearly \$50,000.

A magnificent marble Memorial Hall has been erected and incloses the cabin which stands near the spring, where it stood when Lincoln was born.

On the farm is a substantial residence and other buildings, occupied by the superintendent of the farm. The farm comprises about 137 acres.

Those who have saved the homestead of Lincoln from the ownership of those who might have exploited it for commercial purposes have also saved the log cabin in which he was born, and have inclosed it in the Memorial Hall, which will forever preserve it from decay. They have also cleared the farm of brush and undergrowth, have rebuilt boundary fences, have made a beautiful park immediately around Memorial Hall, and have endowed the farm with a fund sufficient to maintain it. Having done all this they feel that they have fulfilled their undertaking, and now suggest that the Nation take it over as a gift, and see to it that Lincoln's birthplace is preserved for all future generations.

Already thousands of people, from all over the country, visit the place every year. It is anticipated that future years will see this number become multiplied over and over.

The property has an income of more than \$2,000 a year from the endowment fund alone and is self-sustaining.

The present holders of the fee simple title have executed a deed of conveyance, in fee, to the United States, which is held by the President pending the passage of this bill.

The committee most earnestly recommends the passage of this bill. In fact, it is hoped that it may be unanimously adopted.

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64TH CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

Union Calendar No. 66. H. R. 8351.

[Report No. 221.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 8, 1916.

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Library and ordered to be printed.

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A BILL

To accept a deed of gift or conveyance from the Lincoln Farm Association, a corporation, to the United States of America, of land near the town of Hodgenville, county of Larue, State of Kentucky, embracing the homestead of Abraham Lincoln and the log cabin in which he was born, together with the memorial hall inclosing the same; and further, to accept an assignment or transfer of an endowment fund of \$50,000 in relation thereto.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the United States of America hereby accepts title to
- 4 the lands mentioned in the deed of gift or conveyance now in
- 5 possession of the President of the United States of America,
- 6 together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereon,

1 especially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born
2 and the memorial hall inclosing the same, which deed or con-
3 veyance was executed on the day of , nineteen
4 hundred and thirteen, by the Lincoln Farm Association, a
5 corporation, to the United States of America, describing cer-
6 tain lands situated near the town of Hodgenville, county of
7 Larue, State of Kentucky, which lands are more particularly
8 identified and described in said deed or conveyance. The
9 title to such lands, buildings, and appurtenances is accepted
10 upon the terms and conditions stated in said deed or convey-
11 ance, namely: That the land therein described, together with
12 the buildings and appurtenances thereon, shall be forever
13 dedicated to the purposes of a national park or reservation,
14 the United States of America agreeing to protect and pre-
15 serve the said lands, buildings, and appurtenances, and espe-
16 cially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and
17 the memorial hall inclosing the same, from spoliation, de-
18 struction, and further disintegration, to the end that they
19 may be preserved for all time, so far as may be; and further
20 agreeing that there shall never be any charge or fee made to
21 or asked from the public for admission to the said park or
22 reservation.

23 SEC. 2. That the United States of America hereby also
24 accepts title to the endowment fund of \$50,000 mentioned
25 in the assignment and transfer, now in the possession of the

1 President of the United States of America, which assignment
2 and transfer was executed on the day of , nine-
3 teen hundred and thirteen, by the Lincoln Farm Associa-
4 tion, a corporation, to the United States of America, trans-
5 ferring and turning over all its right, title, and interest in
6 and to said endowment fund, heretofore invested in certain
7 stocks, bonds, and securities held and owned by the Lincoln
8 Farm Association, and more particularly identified and de-
9 scribed in said assignment and transfer. The title to said
10 endowment fund is accepted upon the terms and conditions
11 stated in said assignment and transfer, namely, that the
12 United States of America shall forever keep the said tract
13 of land described in said deed, together with the buildings
14 and appurtenances thereunto belonging, dedicated to the pur-
15 pose of a national park or reservation, and that there shall
16 never be any charge or fee made to or asked from the public
17 for admission to the said park or reservation; and further,
18 shall forever protect, preserve, and maintain said land, build-
19 ings, and appurtenances, and especially the log cabin in
20 which Abraham Lincoln was born and the memorial hall
21 inclosing the same, from spoliation, destruction, and further
22 disintegration, to the end that they may be preserved for all
23 time, as far as may be, as a national park or reservation.

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1 to execute, in the name of the United States of America,
2 such instrument or instruments as may be or may become
3 necessary to comply with or carry out the terms and condi-
4 tions of such gift or gifts and to secure the full benefit
5 therefrom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 5, 1916.

MR. BORAH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Library.

A BILL

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7 especially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born
8 and the memorial hall inclosing the same, which deed or con-
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1 hundred and thirteen, by the Lincoln Farm Association, a
2 corporation, to the United States of America, describing cer-
3 tain lands situated near the town of Hodgenville, county of
4 Larue, State of Kentucky, which lands are more particularly
5 identified and described in said deed or conveyance. The
6 title to such lands, buildings, and appurtenances is accepted
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8 ance, namely: That the land therein described, together with
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10 dedicated to the purposes of a national park or reservation, the
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12 serve the said lands, buildings, and appurtenances, and espe-
13 cially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and
14 the memorial hall inclosing the same, from spoliation, de-
15 struction, and further disintegration, to the end that they
16 may be preserved for all time, so far as may be; and further
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18 or asked from the public for admission to the said park or
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21 accepts title to the endowment fund of \$50,000 mentioned
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tion, a corporation, to the United States of America, transferring and turning over all its right, title, and interest in and to said endowment fund, heretofore invested in certain stocks, bonds, and securities held and owned by the Lincoln Farm Association, and more particularly identified and described in said assignment and transfer. The title to said endowment fund is accepted upon the terms and conditions stated in said assignment and transfer, namely, that the United States of America shall forever keep the said tract of land described in said deed, together with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, dedicated to the purpose of a national park or reservation, and that there shall never be any charge or fee made to or asked from the public for admission to the said park or reservation; and further, shall forever protect, preserve, and maintain said land, buildings, and appurtenances, and especially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and the memorial hall inclosing the same, from spoliation, destruction, and further disintegration, to the end that they may be preserved for all time, as far as may be, as a national park or reservation.

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2 tions of such gift or gifts and to secure the full benefit
3 therefrom.

THE LINCOLN FARM ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL DIRECTORS' MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of THE LINCOLN FARM ASSOCIATION has been duly called pursuant to an order of the Executive Committee, and will be held at the Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City, County and State of New York, at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 10th day of April, 1916, for the following purposes:-

1.- Consideration of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA accepting as a gift from the Association, a Deed of its property and an Assignment of its Endowment Fund, and the authorization of Officers to execute and deliver the proper instruments to carry out said gift.

2.- Consideration and ratification of the previous acts and matters done by either the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of this Association.

3.- Transaction of such other business as may properly be presented at the Meeting.

BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dated, New York, March 29th, 1916.

ROBERT J. COLLIER

CLARENCE H. MACKAY

RICHARD LLOYD JONES

Secretary.

N. B. If unable to personally attend the Meeting above noticed, kindly sign the enclosed Proxy and return the same, with signature duly witnessed, to CHARLES E. MINER, ESQ., at No. 416 West 13th Street, New York City.

THE LINCOLN FARM ASSOCIATION.

P R O X Y .

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, the
Undersigned, a member and director of THE LINCOLN FARM
ASSOCIATION, do hereby constitute and appoint
CHARLES E. MINER, to be my lawful attorney, substitute
and proxy for me, and in my name to vote at a Special
Meeting of the Board of Directors of THE LINCOLN FARM
ASSOCIATION, to be held on the 10th day of April, 1916,
at the Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street, in the City
of New York, and at any adjourned meeting thereof, upon
any resolutions or propositions that may be submitted
at said Meeting, as fully and with the same effect, as
I might or could do if I were personally present at
such Meeting, with full power of substitution and
revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that
my said proxy or substitute may do in my name, place
and stead. AND I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies
heretofore given by me to any person or persons
whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and seal, this day of 1916.

(L.S.)

In the presence of