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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your esteemed letter of December 22 is before me. I shall ask Miss Elliott whether she found a signature of John or Abraham Lincoln.

She did not have time before leaving school for the Holidays to typewrite her notes for you; so I have done that since she went home, and am enclosing herewith the "product." Inasmuch as you gave me permission to use the materials found, if I should find opportunity to do so, I have made a carbon copy of the notes, which I am keeping. I am obliged to you for the favor.

In a few places I have ventured to insert a remark in the manuscript, always in curves ( ).

I trust that what Miss Elliott has found will be of some use to you. She really found more than I expected she would.

While she was at work something came into my hands which I think will interest you, in the connection. Possibly you have it. In the October number (1922) of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, pages 398-402, Mr. Chas. E. Kemper has an instalment of his interesting notes on this part of the state. Therein he has several findings regarding Abraham Lincoln, militia captain in Augusta County in 1777; also as captain of a company against the Cherokee Indians in 1776. Mr. Kemper is probably the best informed man living about the early history of this part of Virginia. Unluckily he has been insane on some matter for several years past (has been in the Western State Hospital at Staunton for some time), but he devours local history with his old-time discernment. He gives references in this article to the Court Martial records of Augusta and other sources. I think it would be worth your while to get the October 1922 number of the Virginia Magazine, or look it up in your libraries. It is published (quarterly) by the Virgin ia Historical Society, Richmond, and sells for $1.50 a copy. This Abraham must have been ABRAHAM'S grandfather.

Miss Elliott (Louise) kept a careful record of her time. In all she devoted 35 hours to the work. If you wish to communicate with her before she returns to school her home address is 1442 Westover Ave., Norfolk, Va. She will be there till December 31.

As soon as I can, I shall try out on the photographs of the house and other subjects. will let you hear as soon as I get some results.

Mrs. Wayland joins me in kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

John W. Wayland.

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