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NEW YORK April 30, 1910

Dear Miss Tarbell:

The thing that impresses me about Mr. Mackenzie's letter is that he has not answered your suggestion that he turn over the other copyrights and then settle the Life of Lincoln matter separately.

He does make a broad statement of readiness, which he seems to tie a string to. But I think I would write to him on the basis of accepting his statement of readiness as an assent to your suggestion that he transfer the other copyrights.

As to his proposals about the Life of Lincoln they are, as you say entirely dependent on your willingness in the matter. They are not based on any rights he has or can even claim. It is an entirely new proposition.

I think I would write to him along the lines that you are glad to receive his assurances of their readiness

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to transfer and that you therefore ask him to transfer at once to you all the copyrights save that on the Life of Lincoln; and then you will take up that matter with them, though, of course, Moffatt Yard's wishes must be consulted as to any and contract you may make as to that book. It may be that something satisfactory to everybody can be worked out.

I think you can supply the butter and sugar to make this palatable in form, if not in substance. I would suggest that all he needs to do is to strike out the title The Life of Lincoln in the form I sent him and then it will take care of the other copyrights.

I do not see how he can refuse to do this with-

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Taking definitely the position that he is holding on to those to use as a leverage to compel you to accede to his wishes about the life of Lincoln.

Yours Sincerely
Selden Bacon.

I am moving my office to-day to No. 49 Wall St.

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