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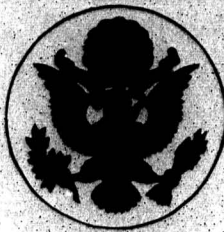
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AUGUST 17, 1937

MY DEAR MISS TARSELL:

IN *McCLURE'S* MAGAZINE OF 1901, VOLUME 17, PAGE 229, THERE IS AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY YOU PERTAINING TO THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT YOU HAVE ALSO INCLUDED HALF-TONE REPRODUCTIONS OF THE PORTRAITS OF ALL BUT TWO OF THE SIGNERS. UNDOUBTEDLY THESE WERE MADE FROM AUTHENTIC PAINTINGS AND I SHALL APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WILL ADVISE ME IF YOU WILL BE WILLING TO LET ME HAVE THE SOURCES OF THESE REPRODUCTIONS.

THE REASON I AM WRITING TO YOU IS BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND AUTHENTIC PORTRAITS OF SEVERAL OF THE SIGNERS, AMONG THEM BEING THOSE WHICH YOU HAVE ILLUSTRATED WITH YOUR ARTICLE.

THIS COMMISSION IS SPONSORING AN HISTORICAL LOAN EXHIBITION HERE AT THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FROM NOVEMBER 27, 1937, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1938, OF THE SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. OF COURSE WE DESIRE TO HAVE AS COMPLETE A COLLECTION AS POSSIBLE AND THEREFORE IF YOU CAN HELP US FIND AUTHENTIC PORTRAITS, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY YOUR REPRODUCTIONS WERE MADE FROM, IT WILL ASSIST US GREATLY.

ASSURING YOU OF MY SINCEREST THANKS FOR WHATEVER YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DO IN THIS RESPECT, I AM

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

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