

Pittsboro, Conn.,

October 2, 1916.

Miss Lora M. Tarbell

132 East 19th St., N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your favor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September stating that you had written the introduction and would send it the following week with the Lincoln letters was duly received. This I was very gratified to learn and waited patiently for the receipt of both the introduction and the letters. On Saturday, the 20th both the letters reached my eye, but no proposal or introduction, at this writing, has been received. I was a little disappointed in not receiving the introduction as I was

anxious as well as anxious to read  
which you had written. I feel satis-  
fied, however, that you will give  
due emphasis to the importance of  
the letters as a contribution to Lincoln's  
published works, as your interest  
and appreciation in Lincoln's writings  
and mission are so in accord with  
my own also. — I had no thought  
or feeling of impatience towards you  
on account of the delay, for I sometimes  
felt you were overburdened with literary  
engagements and I am sure  
and perhaps you had not much time for  
your own and his. What has  
added to my spirit of content in your  
delay in writing the introduction is my  
profound appreciation of your work as  
historian and a biographer; for I more  
frequently turn to your Lincoln than

any other in my library, unless it  
be Wells' Diary. —

I would be glad of your com-  
ments, frank and free, on what I had  
written for a Foreword, as I observed  
nothing on the paper itself.

A long way back, I meant to  
inquire of you about the letters Mrs.  
Priest had in her possession.

I once wrote her about them, but she  
replied rather evasively and coveringly  
and the matter was dropped.

I supposed you understood  
that I am to pay you for writing the  
article, and please let the bill accom-  
pany it.

Yes, I do hope you will favor  
me by a visit this summer. I will  
be pleased to entertain you at the  
Putnam Inn and take you to my

domestic and a ride through the  
county and the historic bog-land.

Anxiously waiting for your  
contribution to The Secret, I am

Yours, sincerely & cordially  
Gilbert A. Tracy.