



**SUPREME COURT**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

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CHAMBERS OF  
MR. JUSTICE DUNN

Charleston, Illinois,  
January 13, 1923.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have to beg your pardon for my delay in transmitting the copy of Mr. McIntyre's account of the Matson Slave Trial in this county in 1847, which I promised to send you when you were here some weeks ago. I am enclosing the copy which I got from Judge Marshall. Judge Marshall was away from home and I was away from home so that I didn't get the opportunity to see him to inquire about the history of this document which I wanted to tell you when I sent it to you, and this is the reason that I have been so slow about sending it. The Coles County Bar Association is an institution which only has occasional short periods of activity between long periods of inactivity and this paper was the result of one of its active moments. At a meeting held about 1895 various members of the bar were assigned to prepare papers on certain interesting

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events, the history of which was thought worthy of being preserved and Mr. McIntyre was the only member who performed his part in the preparation of a paper. Judge Marshall, who was then State's attorney of this county, was the secretary of the association and the document was handed to him and has been preserved by him. Mr. McIntyre lived in Mattoon and had been a member of the bar of this county for many years. *He died several years ago.*

Sincerely yours,

*Frank K. Dumm*

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