

Godfrey Ill. Feby 8, 1931

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
% P. F. Collins & Sons, Co.
250 Park Ave
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have read
with much interest your
article in Collins of Feby 14"
"In Mr. Lincoln's Town"

Have been wondering if
you happen to know of any-
one who is a private buyer
of Lincoln letters?

I have three letters that
were written by Mr. Lincoln
to my grandfather Judge
Martin of Alton, Ill., that
would like very much to
sell, if I can get my price

of \$3,000.00 which includes
4 other letters, three written
by congressmen and 1 by Capt.
Godfrey, all relating to the
Sangamon & Alton R.R. (now the
C & A) as do the 3 letters by
Mr. Lincoln.

I have been in touch
with several New York dealers
and \$1,500.00 seems their
maximum, and as I am
told that they expect to make
100% I figure my price
is in line with what
a private buyer would
pay.

Mr. Hay of Springfield
has very kindly given me
some names, but they are
not buying just now.
If you care for them

I will be pleased to mail
you photos, of the three
Lincoln letters, and copies
of the other 4 letters, all
of which might give you
an inspiration for another
article, that would follow
the one just written,

If I were an author
or had any literary
talent I should be tempted
to try it myself, as there
is abundant material
in the letters I have, to
make a very interesting
article.

Trusting that you will
not feel that I am
assuming on your good
nature, and hoping that
you may at least
feel an interest in

the photos and copies of
the letters. I am

yours truly
H. T. Sidway