

Somerset Penn^a
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Miss Ida Tarbell
New York

My dear Miss Tarbell

If the inclosed should
interest you, and you can use it -
in your publications - please do so -

The complimentary print Mr Lincoln -
by Judge Black, was very unusual
to come from a Democrat

Very respectfully, you
S. F. Pickering
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Jeremiah Sullivan Black, was born in
 Somerset Penn^a read and practiced
 law here and was President Judge of this
 Judicial District - afterwards moved to
 York Penn^a - and later Attorney General in
 President Buchanan's Cabinet. On one
 of his numerous visits to his old home -
 I overheard the following conversation
 between Daniel Weyand Esqr. who practiced
 law before the Judge, and who was as
 "deep a dyed in the wool" Democrat as the
 Judge.

Mr. Weyand said: "Judge, who wrote the
 Emancipation Proclamation, was it Sumner,
 Chase or Seward" (after quite a pause and in
 a voice never to be forgotten) the Judge said:
 "Brother Weyand - the Emancipation Proclamation
 was not written by either Sumner, Chase or
 Seward - it was written by the only man in the
 United States - who could write it -

Abraham Lincoln