

My dear Miss Tarbell:

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stated you were

enroute to Medina, N. Y. This letter
will no doubt be a surprise - but I will
be brief. Mother and I have a friend -
a native of Charleston, S. C. and recently
he made the statement that Abraham
Lincoln was the illegitimate son of
John C. Calhoun. That this is
among the State records - but we
did not inquire which State.
Mother is 98 yrs of age - and she was
very indignant. Is always well
poised - but - she certainly was some
what perturbed at this news.
My friend also stated that there
was a striking physical resemblance
between the two men. Now - we

never even dreamed of such a
thing, and in writing you as an
authority, for information.
Of course, it was never broadcast
but, I will try and find out when
he comes again - which state
archives contains any such
record.

Kindly pardon me. Perhaps
you will be indignant at my
writing you - but, of course we
do not believe it for one instant.
I/ or - Mr. Lincoln was blameless.
But never - do we consider
it as even the semblance of truth.
My friend is in no danger
of going to Lincoln or it was

not with malice, she stated
this as a fact.

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Pardon me and you may
not see fit to reply either
one way or the other.

If not, I shall take your
silence in the matter as
an indication of indignation at
me, for even writing you. But
I think you will understand.

Most sincerely

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