

Tarbell - October 26, 1927
to Hambrecht

Mr. George P. Hambrecht
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Hambrecht:

In one of your recent letters you told me that you have packed away in your Lincoln collection a book called "A Reporter's Lincoln." I have been trying to get hold of a copy, never having heard of it before; but have failed so far. Could you give me any information about it, other than the title? I should greatly appreciate it.

I think I have not thanked you for the copy of Mrs. Lincoln's letter to James Gordon Bennett, sold by Madigan.

Did I tell you that I ran down the information about the Bixby letter, given by William A. Robinson of Revere Beach, Mass.? It happened that late in August I went within a few miles in Maine of the town in which the granddaughter of Mrs. Bixby, to whom Robinson referred, lived. Of course I went to see her. She was sure she had the original letter, said that it had hung in a frame on her grandmother's and her mother's walls; but when she showed it to me, alas, I found it was merely an excellent fac simile. Of course I had not any great hope that so precious a document should have gone so long unfound by collectors, but at least I wanted to verify the information.

I appreciate very much your courtesy, my dear Mr. Hambrecht, and hope that some day I can reciprocate.

Very sincerely yours

see Mr. Hambrecht's letter Nov. 1, 1927