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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
The American Magazine,
341 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I enclose herewith a copy of your opinion of the affidavits relative to the authenticity of the Lincoln cabin. Under separate cover I am very glad also to send a copy to Mr. Morton. You of course will recall that Professors Hart of Harvard, Adams of Yale, and Turner of Wisconsin concurred with you in the belief that these affidavits proved, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the cabin in the possession of the Lincoln Farm Association was genuine.

I am exceedingly sorry to learn through Mr. Boyden that you are somewhat indisposed these strenuous "winter" days. After all, the vertical life is the best. I hope you may be able to return to it very soon.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Lloyd Jones.

Enclosure.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have examined a set of affidavits collected by Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones, relating to the genuineness of the so-called "Lincoln Cabin". It seems to me that there is little reasonable doubt that the cabin is constructed in the main from the logs of the original cabin; that these logs were taken from the farm in 1860 to what was known as the Davenport Farm; that this structure was sold in the early '90's and moved back to the Lincoln Farm. The theory that these logs were a part of the out-cabin does not seem to me sound, the out-cabins of that period not being made of such substantial logs as these. Comparisons with other cabins known to be of the period show that they are of the same general type as this structure.

(Signed) Ida M. Tarbell.

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