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Dear Miss Tarbell –

It made me feel quite cheerful to have your approval of my work. Can't you go along to Virginia and help dig? It promises to be quite exciting, and you know so much about the Lincolns and Shipleys and Hanks that you could fit the pieces of the puzzle together most skilfully.

My opinion of Mr. Barton is not a very high one and I do wish to reach Richmond County before he

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knows that I am there.
Somehow he inspires a lack
of confidence, for he must
have found more than he
divulges, it seems to me.
I try to keep in mind the
necessity of finding the link
which we most need and
I do hope to get a clew in
Richmond County Va. Mr. White
thinks that I we "might" go to
Mercer Co. Ky. to see that document.
Certainly, I can see no sign
of a W. i- mark in the photograph
with even a very strong glass.
Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett, who is
very familiar with old

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documents both abroad and here, would give me some of the fluid used to bring out faded writing – but I doubt if it could be used here. A long exposure of that paper would bring out faded letters. If there has been an erasure it will show when one holds the document up to the light. Mr. Olmsted and I went over that document carefully as I wished him to verify my impression that all of it was written by one person – Even the signatures of John Berry and Robert Mitchell. Looks that way. It is all very puzzling and makes me wish to see each and every original paper. Mr. Warren seems to lack

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just the experience needed for some of the work he has done — in spite of his most excellent work. Why has he not compared the signatures of the two witnesses with other signatures which he must have, I wonder?

I had some photostats of my chart made, but I now feel that I better wait until I am sure of some points before I have the Olmsted Office make the printed copy. If you care for one of the photostats for your own use — one to write upon and correct — I will send you one. The State House did mine. I am most desirous of seeing you.

Sincerely yours — L. D. White —

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