

Schaller, Iowa. December 25, 1922.

My dear Miss Tarbell,

Thank you for the card of the "Old Ship Church," doubly precious because bearing your own Christmas message to me. It shall go in a locked case in the Lincolncollection.

I dread to interrupt you again, dear Miss Tarbell, but I must tell you how very anxious I have been for long months to get a picture of Edward Rutledge- the Signer- the ancestor of James Rutledge, for our Rutledge collection.

In September last there appeared in the Washington Republican, a print of him heading the article "The Signers." I immediately wrote to know where I could get a copy; have not had a reply.

Last spring Mr Oldroyd went to the Capitol at my urgent request to take a picture of him as he stands behind the chair in which Hancock sits in the Trumbull painting; but they told him that if any one would be allowed to copy that he could, but it was for bidden.

I feel that this, the only Rutledge collection in our country, should be headed with a picture of the ancestor of James Rutledge whose family was so closely connected with Lincoln.

In looking over old issues of McClure this morning, I find your beautiful article "The Story of the Declaration of Independence," in which you have pictures of all the Signers.

*how* Do you think it possible that I could get a copy of him no matter what the cost, by writing to- well- Independence Hall, or shall I go about getting one. I note that this one is taken "from a portrait after Trumbull in Independence Hall."

I have just received a very interesting and valuable relic from Thomas F. Madigan of New York, dealer in Autograph Letters &c. I have taken his Bulletin for more than a year but not until a few days ago, did I see quoted an autograph document by Edward Rutledge.

It is an order to pay a certain sum of money to General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, written in 1793. On the back is the endorsement of General Pinckney.

You can understand how happy I am to have this. I am writing today to learn the prices of both the genealogies of Lincoln which you so kindly mention in your letter.

Trusting you will pardon my many interruptions, yet feeling you will understand my earnest desire to find these items I am

Sincerely yours

*David E. Hamard,*