COPY OF LETTER TO WILLIAM H. BRIGGS
from
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, SECRETARY,
ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

October 10, 1921.

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Mr. William H. Briggs,
Harper & Brothers,
Franklin Square,
New York City,

My dear Mr. Briggs:

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library held last Thursday, I placed before them your letter and that of Miss Ida M. Tarbell, in relation to the use of a part of the O. H. Browning diary. I am directed by the Board to say to you that the Library Board is considering the publication of the Browning Diary as a State Publication and therefore, would not wish for the present at least to have any earlier publication of any part of it.

The Library Board desires to express its appreciation of the interest of Harper & Brothers in the matter and that the Board would be honored by such an arrangement and possibly sometime in the future may be able to entertain it but at present does not wish to enter into such an arrangement. Will you, therefore, be good enough to return to the Illinois State Historical Library the typewritten transcript which is now in the possession of Harper & Brothers?

Very truly yours,

(Signed( Jessie Palmer Weber.

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library,
Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society.

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