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Dear Miss Tarbell:-

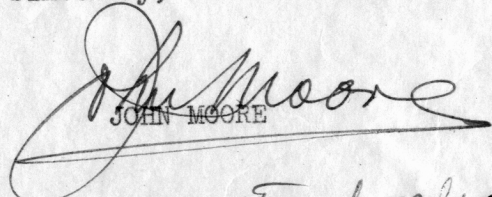
A paper is being circulated around here quoting a letter credited to Abraham Lincoln, but its authenticity has been questioned, and I find that Century's index makes no reference to it, so I would appreciate it very much if you could say whether or not this letter is an authentic Lincoln document. It is as follows:

" Col. Jesse Harper, Danville, Ill.

We may congratulate ourselves that we are nearing the end of a long and cruel war; it has cost a vast amount of treasure and the best blood of the flower of American youth has been freely offered upon our country's altar that the nation might live. It has been indeed a trying hour for the Republic. But I see in the future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the future of my country. As a result of war, corporations have been enthroned and a reign of corruption in high places will follow and the money power will endeavor to prolong their reign by playing upon the prejudice of the people until all wealth is aggregated in the hands of the few and the republic destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before even in the midst of war. God grant that my suspicions are unfounded. "

Thanking you in advance for any information you might be able to give me, I am,

Very sincerely,


JOHN MOORE

Miss Tarbell writes me to say that she has ~~been~~ never been able to find any proof of the authenticity of the above letter and believes it to be a forgery