

3107 Cole Ave.,
Dallas, Texas,
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Will you please be so kind as to inform me where I may find a copy of the letter of Mr. Lincoln to Alexander H. Stephens concerning the right of a state to secede referred to on pages 409-410 of your most admirable book, In the Footsteps of the Lincolns? I am writing a thesis for a Master of Arts degree under Dr. Charles W. Ramsdell, Professor of History in the University of Texas, and I need to know just what arguments Mr. Lincoln used. From the information you give in your book I think that this letter will help me to establish a point I wish to make in my thesis. You state that the letter has only recently been given to the public. I have searched all the sources at my disposal and I can find no reference to this letter. I assure you that I shall greatly appreciate any assistance you may give me in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Pearl Webb Benedict.