

Staunton, Va.
Oct 17. 1922

Dear Mr. Tarbell:

I am sorry that I missed seeing
you during your recent visit to this place.
I was born in Accomack Co. Va. about
6 miles south of Stanning, and although
my home was not in the Lincoln neighborhood,
I used to see the Lincolns in Stanning
now and then, and know their worth as a
family. It is possible that I could
have added something to your state of knowledge
concerning Mr. Lincoln. Feeling to see you, I
sent you a Lincoln note which may be
of some service to you. It will be observed
that one of the chief purposes of the note
is to demonstrate the good standing of the
Lincoln family in Virginia.
Related to many of the families living in Augusta Co. Va.
Among them the Lincolns, Mellars, and others.
The note I sent may lead something to the
historical picture even of Mount Lincoln among
and you are welcome to send me of it to you

please. I am very much a Southerner
 and old time Virginia, but I can and do
 see the good in Sumner's nature.

The civil war was due to the failure of the
 framers of the Constitution to place clearly in the

instrument a statement saying yes or no to the
 right of a state to withdraw from the Compact.

The Secret Debates show that the framers of the
 Constitution clearly intended the right to withdraw,

but it was left unexpressed, in my judgment, because
 the Confederation had been a failure and they were

afraid that a clear statement of the right of a
 state to withdraw might endanger the new government.

At the same time the question has been settled from the
 framers' standpoint, and the free men and women

in the South judge Mr. Lincoln solely this
 month as a man, and most of them think
 one of them.

Very truly yours

Charles S. Kemper

Observe the usual
 a friend

(C.S.)

I learned of your wish to see me
 through my friend, Mr. A. L. Gordon,
 who, by the way, has written me on

works (and they are all good) than any other man who
has ever lived in Virginia.

There is a Mr. Lincoln employed at the Western State
Hospital who belongs to the Rockingham County, Mr. Lincoln.
His branch would be present Rockingham Co. N.C.

Very truly yours.

Alfred S. Kumpford.