

422, The Ontario, Washington, D. C.,

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

120 East Nineteenth street, New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

As you so graciously state in your note of the 14th that you would be glad to look over my effort to refute the late statements regarding Lincoln, I am sending you under separate cover, by ^{registered mail} ~~express~~, a copy of the complete manuscript - "Was Abraham Lincoln responsible for the Civil War"? This will give you a better idea of its contents and arrangement than the few pages I had contemplated sending, even though you may not be able to find time to read it. I have not mentioned by name either Miss Rutherford or Colonel Johnston, because I did not want to be the means of advertising their poisonous pamphlets, but all reference to so-called Southern Historians is meant for them.

Few people of the North realize how many there are in the South who spend their entire time trying to bolster up the righteousness of their cause in the sixties, yet they themselves say "the constant agitation is producing fruit". It would surely seem so when they have just succeeded in getting a Member of Congress from Michigan to father a bill making of Arlington a shrine to the memory of General Lee, as Mount Vernon is to Washington - except in the case of Lee the Government he tried to destroy is called on to buy the furniture which is to be returned to the shrine. The ridiculous part of it is that Arlington never did and never could have belonged to Lee, Mr. Custis having willed it to Mrs. Lee for her lifetime and then to go to her son providing he took the name of Custis. Forgive this intrusion on your time.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. C. C. Sniffen