

Petersburg Ill. Nov. 11th 1923

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
New York City N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am in receipt

of your letter of Nov. 6th
enclosing the portrait
of Dr. Chandler.

I regret that it could
not be used in your
article which related
the meeting of my Grandfather
and Mr. Lincoln, but
there are many times

in life where we are
not granted our desires
and this one is not as great
as our disappointment
over the lack of progress
in the restoration of New
Salene. State politics, I suppose,
is responsible for the
situation. The State has
done nothing but develop
the grounds a little.
The Lincoln League has
purchased 20 acres of land
adjoining the park, which
embraces the location of
the school house in which
Mentor Graham taught &

the site of the village
burying ground. They
also moved the logs that
once enclosed the Oustett
Cooper shop back to their
original site on the extreme
west of the grounds. You will
recall that it was at this shop
where Lincoln borrowed the
auger to bore the hole in
the flat boat that stuck on
the dam. And it was here by
the light of burning shavings
he did considerable reading.
The Legislature appropriated
enough to complete a
hard road from Petersburg
to the Park. But I fear we
will have to have a new
Governor before we get

the village restored.
We will expect you
when that time arrives.
Mrs. Frackton has gained
somewhat in strength
but is just now nursing
a cold that it seems
well-nigh impossible
for her to throw off -

She sends her kindest
regards to you.

Yours Very Truly
E. C. Frackton