December 23d, 1909.

Cameron Mackenzie, Esq.,
c/o S. S. McClure Co.,
44 East 23rd Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Yard, of Moffat, Yard & Co., informs me that you have stated to him that Miss Tarbell had said recently to Mr. McClure that she had no objections to the McClure's or McKinlay's proceeding with a new subscription edition of the "Life of Lincoln" and that you were planning to do so at once.

Permit me to say that Mr. McClure, if he so stated to you, must be laboring under a gross misapprehension. I think you, yourself, a little time ago tried to secure an interview with Miss Tarbell on this subject and were told that Miss Tarbell would not discuss the matter with you. I am informed that another member of the McKinlay Co. made a like request of Miss Tarbell the other day and she told him that this matter was entirely in my hands and that she would do nothing about it until the questions she had entrusted to me were settled. You will, of course, appreciate that any steps toward a new publication by the McKinlay Co. would be, under these circumstances, highly improper. I cannot see the slightest evidence of any right in the McKinlay Co. or any other of the McClure companies to do this.

I shall be pleased to have your assurances that nothing of the kind is intended.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Selden Bacon -

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