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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Am pleased to hear from you, but cannot account for request for further information about the letter of Queen Victoria to Mrs. Lincoln in 1865, having more than a year ago sent you a full record of its history. Complying with your desire at that time, for proof of its authenticity, I then mailed you a verbatim copy of the letter and substance of my correspondence with the Royal Library at Windsor. I have often wondered why you never acknowledged receipt of it.

You may find my reply in some out-of-the way corner of you library, due to your absence when it reached your place, and since reposing there, or otherwise neglected by the person in charge. Should a diligent search fail to find it, please let me know and I will hunt up all the facts you wish that will convince you that the letter is much more than a "reputed" production than suggested by your several letters. Since my first calling your attention to the subject, Victoria's letter have been published, by MacMillan I believe, and my recollection is that you will find therein all you could possibly wish to establish the truth of all I have communicated to you long since.

Miss Roberts keeps busy on my articles and hopes to place it some day. Small fry of the Markens calibre are far less popular with publishers than certain other Lincoln "authorities" who follow Weems.

Yours sincerely,

Isaac Markens

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