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November 10,1937.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I will be very happy indeed to help in making the Lincoln collection you plan to give Allegheny College as complete as possible. There can be little doubt that the book of Indiana laws to which you refer was second only to the Bible in Lincoln's education here in Indiana.

Barnett and Patton, 42 Virginia Avenue, Indianapolis, dealers in law books, tell me they can get a copy in very good condition from one of their customers, who wants $50.00 worth of books from them in exchange. They will let us have it for $50.00, but this, I believe, is too high. A copy ought to be available within a reasonable time for about $25.00. It is possible, also, that one may turn up which the owner would be willing to give for your purpose for little or nothing. I am broadcasting the inquiry as widely as possible. I will let you know any developments within a couple of months.

I am glad to have my recollection confirmed that you are planning to give your Lincoln collection to Allegheny. It will be not only a valuable addition for the Library, but a most appropriate memorial linking your work forever with the college.

Very truly yours,

Christopher B. Coleman

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