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404 EAST 10TH STREET
ALTON, ILL.

June 22, 1923.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York,

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I clip the enclosed letter from a Peoria paper which is printing your "Footprints of Abraham Lincoln", for the McClure Syndicate,

I first read this letter when printed in 1915* in a volume of alleged ~~uncollected~~ "letters of Lincoln." It never rang true to me for reasons not necessary to state, and it was submitted to the judgement of Prof, C.W. Alvord, then of the Illinois State University, and our most distinguished State historian, ~~unhesitatingly~~ pronounced it a forgery as were other letters in the ~~Wemen~~ collection".

Prof, Alvord is now connected with the University of Minnesota, and is located either at St. Paul or Minneapolis, I forget which.

If you think it worth while why not write to him in the interest of true history?

Respectfully Yours,

H. J. Norton

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