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

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am indeed glad to receive your letter of the 9th and thank you for your comments on our little tribute to Abraham Lincoln. I have always felt that the more Americans, especially the younger generations know and appreciate Lincoln, the better Americans we will be.

Regarding The Trial of Aaron Burr, I am enclosing the leaves that I have kept of this article since 1902, which as I explained, I think, but do not know was published by Scribner.

I have just scanned the amount of matter in this article and I find in the rough it is about 7,600 odd words. Our Novelettes carry about 14,500 or thereabouts. This allows for illustrations.

I have always felt that the story of the background of events that Burr moved in, presented material for a good Novelette. By including your article it would leave us in the rough, about 7,000 to 7,500 extra words to fill in. I think this could be done in the form of a sketchy story of his life, weaving in the Hamilton duel.

I think such a background would lend to those not as familiar with Burr as others might be, a better interpretation of your article. My thought would be and I would appreciate the benefit of yours to divide the Novelette in two section, first with the little story of his life and second, your article.

I notice that your article was published according to my date, back in 1902 and for that reason I imagine the copyright has expired so we will not meet any objection from the magazine.

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We are extremely anxious to keept the standard of our Novelettes very high both in authorship and in material. We are hoping if our plans mature, and our books extend in number that we really can be of service in giving to the people worthwhile reading for a dime. There is so much trash, as I would term it, offered to the people for 10 or 15¢, that I do feel and based on our results it is showing it, that there is a very large number of people who appreciate and will support what we are endeavoring to do.

One of the highly gratifying results of our experiments up to date is the splendid support and cooperation the authors over the country are extending, and that support I assure you, is greatly appreciated.

I trust it will be my pleasure sometime to meet you in person for I have a thousand question that I would like to ask, that I feel sure, based on your many years of experience, would be a wonderful guide for us and I await with deep interest the receipt of your reply.

Very truly yours,

REED PUBLISHING CO.

William W. Reed.

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