OHIO SOCIETY

WALDORF-ASTORIA

New York City, April 5th, 1923.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

The fact that you have written the acknowledged best history of the great American, Abraham Lincoln, I take the liberty of inviting you to visit the rooms of the Ohio Society, to view the only full length standing oil portrait ever painted from life poses of Abraham Lincoln. It was painted in the Fall of 1864 and Spring of 1865, in the President's House.

This portrait was investigated by the distinguished Senator of Indiana, Daniel Voorhees, and Senator Everettts of N.Y. and Senator Hoar of Mass., in the year of 1886. I enclose a copy of this report.

The Chairman of the Art Committee of this City, Mr. De Forrest and members of his Committee have approved this painting and stated that they would accept the same if presented.

Furthermore, there cannot be found in any Art Museum in this City, an oil portrait of this President, that a visitor or child can view, and in the public school of this State there cannot be found more than fifty pictures, size 20 inches on view, that children may be taught to remmmber what this great man looked like.

If you will allow me I will call on you and show you a large photograph of this painting, or I will meet you here at such time as you may designate, to view the painting. This Club Room is on the 15th story of the Waldorf-Astoria. And always open to visitors

Respectfully yours,

George Prince

I am known to Mr Mixon ship builder

Ex Judge Parker

Wm M Haymard Sr

US District Attorney of Southern NY

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