

Tarbell - Sept. 13, 1927

Mr. George A. Dondero
Royal Oak, Mich.

My dear Mr. Dondero:

Thank you for your letter of August 27. It would have had an earlier acknowledgment but I have been off on a holiday in New England and have only just returned.

I am very much interested in what you tell me about seeing Mr. Townsend in Lexington for I am planning to go to Lexington myself early in October and hope to talk with him. I consider his "Abraham Lincoln - Defendant" one of the most important contributions made recently to our knowledge of Lincoln's life and character. I hope he will be willing to let me see the original material concerning Mary Todd Lincoln which you tell me he has collected. It is very good of you to remember my wants and to suggest Mr. Townsend as a source of information.

Now, as to going to your annual banquet at Royal Oak in February. I have already made an engagement for Lincoln's Birthday, but possibly just after it I could manage it. Kindly let me know as early as convenient whether you want me or not and I will try to arrange for the date.

Sincerely yours