Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary,

Washington, D. C.,

October 23 1899.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter of October 18th, enclosing the proof of the Lincoln letter came several days ago. I have been rummaging among various papers and letters, and have finally managed to find the original and compare it with the proof. The proof is quite correct as it stands, and I return it herewith.

Possibly you may remember that I spoke to you about a lawsuit regarding a waterwheel, in which Lincoln figured. I sent for the clipping telling of the case, and have made a copy of it, which I will send you as soon as I can locate it. This is one of the times when I have laid a paper away so carefully that I can't find it, but I hope soon to run across it, and will then send it to you for such use as you may care to make of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Ned Ames Higgins.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

The S. S. McClure Co.,

New York City.

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