

Pittsford, Conn.,

October 4, 1916.

Miss Lora M. Tarbell,

132 East 19th St., N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Three or four hours after I had mailed a letter addressed to you on Monday, Oct. 2nd, I received your esteemed favor and introduction to the Lincoln letters, and was pleased I was to receive them!

I have read the Introduction through three or four times, and am more than pleased with it. I am delighted — and not a little proud of your endorsement of the letters and having the honor of your name in the volume; for you

I have a very deep regard in my
affection as the biographer of Lincoln
the one invaluable among the multitudes
of the earth.

I find nothing whatever to
criticise in matter or expression,
unless where you speak of "Marshall
sending" (him/ Lincoln) several of his
works; I should change to "sent him
^{several} copies of his work". Also, if I had
been near you, I would have sug-
gested, mentioning in a few lines
how early Mr Lincoln had formulated
his plan of reconstruction as indi-
cated in his letter to Gen. Steele,
Gov. Phelps et al. dated Nov. 18, 1862.
I think it most remarkable, at that
early period of the struggle, that he
should manifest so anticipatory spirit.

You have not paid anything about
compensation or of the expenses of re-
turning the letters. I expect to pay you
and want to pay you, and if you will
name the price, it will be forthcoming
with my gratitude to both.

I am so constantly urged
by those who have rendered great as-
sistance in collecting the letters that
I deem it not advisable to delay
putting the book in the hands of a
publisher that it may appear as
early as February next.

Since inviting you to con-
tribute an Introduction to the Letters
I have almost felt that I was en-
croaching upon your time and felt
guilty of the trespass, believing as

I did think you were exceedingly
occupied in literary work, and my
chief excuse for a apology for my tardy
appreciation of your work as a writer.

I was very much like to meet
and have her extended talk on Sci-
ence and literary matters, and women
feel highly honored by a visit here,
if you could escape from your duties
for a day or two. So, please, let's
hear from you, and believe me,

Most gratefully & heartily

Yours,

Gibbert H. Tracy.