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Dear Ray Baker:

Sometime ago you were good enough to send me a copy of a paragraph from a letter which Mr. Wilson wrote in December 1915 in answer to a gentleman who had protested against a woman on the Tariff Commission. You remember that Mr. Wilson had invited me to the body.

Mr. Wilson in his letter gives his reason for his appointment of me, not mentioning what I suspect was his compelling reason, that he wanted to recognize women.

Now I am putting together a few recollections of my working life and am vain enough to want to use this paragraph. To whom should I apply for permission? You are the executor of the papers, are you not? If so, do you object?

I hope you are quite well again and finding life in Amherst as delightful as your Adventures in Contentment make it. You know I always think of all these Grayson books as adventures in contentment, regardless of the title on a particular volume.

Please be good to yourself.

With love to Mrs. Baker

Affectionately yours

Mr. Ray Stannard Baker
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