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Mrs. C. C. Sniffen,
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Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Sniffen:

I am afraid you think I am taking an inexcusably long time over your manuscript, but it has been impossible for me to get to it until this week. I have been over it all now, however, and my judgment is that it should be published, and published promptly.

As a student I know how valuable it would be to me, it brings together in proper sequence and logical juxtaposition a great amount of opinion on both sides, essential to tracing the problems involved in the struggle over secession, unionism, slavery extension and emancipation. I wish I had the book today, and I am going to ask you, my dear Mrs. Sniffen, that in case you do not find a publisher, that in a year or two you let me take the manuscript to quote from it, giving full acknowledgment.

Have you presented your manuscript to Putnams? I think Major Putnam might be interested in it. He is very keen on problems of this kind.

I suppose the real trouble with the publishers is that they do not see a likelihood of getting back their costs in a book of this nature. Properly handled I think they could do it, but there are more difficulties in making a book of this kind pay for itself than possibly you realize. It should of course go into all libraries, North and South; it should be used by teachers of United States history, but just how to reach them I do not know. If there is anything at all that I can do in helping you place the book I should be glad.

In case you have not submitted it to Major Putnam and care to do so, I will be glad to call his attention to it. At all events, dear Mrs. Sniffen, I am very grateful to you for letting me have the advantage of reading this manuscript, which I am returning by registered mail today.

Sincerely yours,

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