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November 8, 1937.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

It was a matter of very great pleasure to me to read the article accompanying your picture in a recent copy of the New York Times. And it was a very great pleasure indeed to read the splendid editorial.

These things I have known and highly appreciated for a number of years and naturally I felt very proud of the interest which you took in the development of Castle Haynes and our other rural communities.

Wish very much that you could spend a day at Penderlea which I feel sure you would appreciate as approaching the ideal, and I believe favorable comment from you on this Government directed rural community would give an encouragement which would be tremendously helpful to the whole movement at this time. This is particularly true because there were a number of projects started without a background of experience which have received so much adverse publicity that it is likely to extinguish the really good things which are possible and even on the verge of success.

Mrs. MacRae and I would be tremendously pleased if you could run down to Wilmington and spend at least two days and a night with us.

You could see the grown up and successful Castle Haynes, for which you predicted a good future and also Invershiel, my farm, where we have about worked out a plan for "Continuous grazing on Annual Crops", which the State Dairy Department says produces milk at one-third of the feed cost of other dairy farms in the State. But Penderlea will be the place which gives the greatest promise for the future.

Sincerely yours,

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Hugh MacRae

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