Very Personal

Washington D.C.
Feb 25 1923

Dear Miss Tarbell;

Thank you cordially for your friendly note. I shall await myself y your permission to ask again about the 2nd y March. Am y meantime I find any trails leading in your direction I will note them on the maps for you — with very great pleasure.

So far, while I find tribal material abundant, it all belongs with pictures which has a marble column and a huge plush curtain as a background, and the hand thrust into the bosom y a frock coat as a pose.

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It seems much more difficult to assemble any testimony indicating that he was a human being. But that is partly because so far I have been working chiefly among official documents; now that the public story is pretty well rounded out, I shall turn my explorations to other and less formal records.

Mrs Gray says she almost despairs of ever being in New York again - but if and when she is she will be most anxious to see the new Club House. She is sorry to have no financial share in the enterprise, but this is a lean year. This "uncle" is an yet an absorbent

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and negotiate borrower — not a lending uncle.

Sincerely yours

Chas B Going

Did I tell you that I succeeded in having the original draft of the Proviso, attached to the two million bill, dug out of the files of the Twenty ninth Congress, and that it is in Wilmot's handwriting, with interlineations and deletions strongly indicative of the processes of composition? It is now deposited in the Mss. Division of the Library of Congress.

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