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New York, March 30, 1916.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
c/o American Magazine,
381 Fourth Ave., New York.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

The enclosed account of an incident relating to the immortal Lincoln may perhaps interest you.

The surviving members of the 49th regiment N. Y. Volunteers, in which I had the honor of serving 3 years during the Civil War, were requested to furnish any items of interest coming under their personal observation during the war, to be incorporated in the forthcoming history of the regiment.

In response to this request Lieut. Fred C. Barger prepared this account of his interview with President Lincoln and it occurred to me that if you contemplated getting out a new edition of your "Life of Abraham Lincoln" published by Doubleday and McClure in 1900 you might like to use it. At the time Lieut. Barger had his interview with Lincoln many officers, some of high rank, had been forced to resign as a punishment for wrongdoings, of various kinds.

Lincoln's action in this case of Lieut. Barger's is more evidence of Lincoln's great wisdom and forethought, and his interest in the "boys in blue".

Lieut. Barger is now, and has been for many years, the senior member of the firm of F. C. Barger & Co., commission merchants at 158 Franklin St., this city.

Allow me to call your attention to what is, I think, a typographical error in your life of Lincoln, 2nd volume, page 195.

The sixth line from the bottom of the page, reads "Congressman Dawson proposed in the Senate &c." The word "House" should be substituted for the word "Senate".

If you do not care to use Lieut. Barger's article please return it to

Yours Truly,

*Sherman Williams
541 West 149th St*