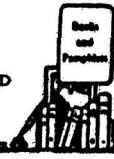




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Ida M. Tarbell
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Dear Miss Tarbell

Answering your inquiry of Oct 26 regarding my reprint of Mrs Lincoln's letter to Mrs Gremaley, I can assure you that the words "since my election" are exactly as written by her. I wanted to correct the wording when I printed the letter, but decided it was best to print it as written.

At one time I owned Mrs Lincoln's letter to Mrs Browning which I had printed in pamphlet form along with J.N. Arnold's letter of inquiry to Browning and the latter's reply. Always the letter when printed had the expression "this astounded me a little", whereas Lincoln wrote it as "this stounded me a little" - I was pleased to see it printed correctly even if somewhat inelegant.

Respectfully

H. E. Barker