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Mr. Wm. Penn Nixon,

Room 510, 125 La Salle St.,

Chicago.

My dear Mr. Nixon:

I have yours of the 19th inst., and have looked up the matter of the book called "The Veteran and His Pipe".

Find that these plates came to us more than fifteen years ago through the failure of the Belford-Clarke Co., who owed us a large sum of money. We bought them from the Sheriff. These plates have been lying in our vaults for many years together with a number of others of the same kind.

We have no record of any copyright, and there was no copyright title among the plates.

The Homewood Pub. Co. is a small company used by us for publication imprint purposes only. In 1902 the manager of our publication department gathered some old plates together and printed small editions of them, and among them was this book, "The Veteran and His Pipe". I find that only a very few copies were sold and we have on hand about 420 copies at this present time. We would be very much pleased to sell these copies and also the plates, to Miss Tourgee at a very low price.

With kind regards, believe me

Yours very truly,

W. B. Conkey