57 W. 17th St N. Y. City
Oct. 1st 1894

Mr Tongee

Dear Sir,

We are two ladies, sister, from Sedalia Mo. We have material for the biography of our father who lived and was active (politically) in Mo. against the ruling Democratic power all his life - died in 1879 at the age of 75 years. We are anxious to have a little of that spirit thrown into the history of

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that state, and feel
that a biography of
our father (if truly
represented) would
be the little leaven
that might tend
(afterwhile) to
purify the whole
lump. Enclose
copys of letters from
Dr Neale & Mr Sanborn
to whom we showed
our material, and
hope to hear from
you in regard to the
authorship of the
book.

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Can you grant us an interview and look immediately over our mss.? We should like to have some one who could give it the setting that your trenchant pen could do. Mr Sanborn of course you know, as one of John Brown's friends, & biographer. Her is too much occupied to undertake the work. Can we see you even for a short time? We are on

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our way home and
are anxious to get
this matter settled.
We can give references
for reliability finan-
cially and otherwise
both in this City. St
Louis Mo. or at our
home - Address
please
Mesd. Smith & Cotton
57 W. 17th Street
New York City.

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