

Constitutional Convention of North-Carolina,

Raleigh, February 4th 1868.

W. M. Coleman Esq—

Dear Sir:

Your polite note of yesterday is received. Dr Johnson proposed to save himself from biographers by taking the life of any one who should attempt to write his. While I would not wish to take any such sanguinary measure against yourself, I think that my life is, — as I devoutly hope — still too incomplete to be a proper subject for biographical effort, especially as it has been entirely a matter of course, and quite uneventful. — I had the honor of being introduced to this unfriendly world at an early period of life in Ash-tubulae County Ohio, and I should be happy to name the fortunate town which has an undisputable claim to the honor of being my birthplace, but I do not wish to incur the wrath of the only hotel-keeper in the town, for bringing upon him a rest of years.

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towns which it will be impossible for him to accommodate. I will say, however, that though after the extensive advertising given me by the rebel papers of this state the honor of being my birth-place may be "claimed by twelve cities," I have never heard of its being claimed by more than one, viz: the town of Williamsfield in the County aforesaid.

My full name, as I am told by the erudite and accurate servant, Mr. G. F. T aylor the term full, as well as the term Christian, is improper, — my christian name — is Tourgee-Albion-Wencker. I am somewhat diffident about disclosing this name on account of its exceeding brevity and tenuity. You will therefore touch upon it as lightly as possible.

My opportunities of education were much better than I improved, as I have had ample opportunities to acquire a thorough knowledge of almost every natural science

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and wasted my time on the classic trow-  
dle of the colleges. By this means I have  
secured an education which I believe  
finely prepares me to discharge the duties  
of a member of this Convention — ~~possessing~~ <sup>having</sup>  
as little knowledge of usefull~~e~~ facts as  
it is possible for one to enjoy under such cir-  
cumstances.

My political opinions before the  
rebellion were of a most heterodox and dan-  
gerous character. I was an ardent disciple  
of John C. Calhoun and others of that ilk. I believed  
that "niggers" were men and slavery damnable,  
but was still such an egregious ass, as  
to waste my <sup>youthful</sup> breath in hurrahing for that  
cowardly and weak-kneed concern known  
as the old Whig party. I was cured of this  
youthful malady by my "experience"  
during the rebellion