

I, Albion W. Tourgee do solemnly swear
that I have never voluntarily borne arms
against the Government of the United States
since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have
voluntarily given no aid, countenance, coun-
sel or encouragement to persons engaged
in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither
sought nor accepted nor attempted to ex-
ercise the functions of any office, whatever
under any authority or pretended author-
ity in hostility to the United States; that I
have not yielded a voluntary support to
any pretended authority, government or
power, or constitution within the United
States hostile or inimical thereto. And I do
further swear that, to the best of my knowl-
edge and ability, I will support and
defend the Constitution of the United States
against all enemies, foreign and
domestic; that I will bear true faith and
allegiance to the same; that I take this obliga-
tion freely, without any mental reservation
or purpose of evasion and that I will well
and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on
which I am about to enter, so help me God.

~~Sworn~~
Affirmed

and subscribed before me in

Open Court this 1st day of Dec. 1876

A. W. Tourgee

J. P. Riddick, Clerk

1826

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