

To the Honorable Ralph P. Buxton

Judge Superior Court.

The petition of Albion

W. Tourgee, respectfully represents to your Honor:-

- 1- That he is a practicing Attorney of said Court and is one of the attorneys of record for the Plaintiff in an action entitled - The State of North Carolina on the Relation of The Board of Commissioners for the County of Granville against - James S. Moore, John G. Jones, J. S. Hargrove, Maurice Daniels and Joseph Beckham
- 2- That on the 20th day of March 1897, there appeared in the Raleigh News, a ^{news} paper of large circulation in said state an article in relation to said suit and the conduct of your petitioner therein, in which was used the following language - "++ a judgment for \$10,000. was recovered. A scrutiny of the bond has revealed a release of \$3500. endorsed upon the book and signed - "Tourgee and Hornfull Plaintiffs Attorneys." It is a matter of fact, that no part of this \$3500. - has been paid into the treasury of the

loyalty or in any manner accounted for." + + +

3. That the above statement is an allegation of misconduct upon the part of your petitioner as an officer of said court, which reflects upon the administration of justice therein and tends to bring said court and its officers into disrepute and as such, should be the subject of an investigation by said Court to ascertain its truth.

4. That if it should be found that ~~your~~ your petitioner has been guilty of dishonest or improper practices, as an attorney of said court, in said action or any other, he should be proceeded against, by your Honor, for a contempt of said Court and punished according to law.

Wherefore your petitioner prays, that your Honor will issue an order directing your petitioner to show cause before your Honor, at such time and place as to you may seem proper, why he - the said petitioner shall not be adjudged guilty of contempt

of said Court, for improper conduct as an Attorney
and misbehavior as an officer of said Court, and
that you will direct said order, with this petition to be
entered upon the minutes of said Court and notice
thereof to be given to the plaintiffs in said action
and to the members of the bar of said County.

And your petitioner will ever pray

Albion W. Tourger

Atty at Law &c -

Letter of Abner W. Sawyer
Attorney

concerning
newspaper scandal on
him in Jewell Co
case.

CHAUTAUKA COUNTY