

FROM ALBION W. TOURGEE,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

~~No. 5 MAHLER BUILDING,~~

Raleigh, N. C.,

Jan. 21st 1879

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My dear wife: Your letter of the 17th inst. was received today. Do not be disappointed or rush, my darling. You know I am doing my very best for your happiness. Do not complicate nor disturb any arrangements. If I can by any possibility, reconcile the gratification of your wishes, with my duty to you, I will surely do so. Please believe me when I tell you that I have entirely sunk myself, in considering these matters and have only considered this question, what is it my duty to do, in order to provide, fitly and properly for those precious ones whom God has given me. I have thought and prayed over it many days and hours. I may err but I am making a brave fight and you must not derange my plans. Of course, it will be my fault, if I am without you. I do not think of it as otherwise; but it is one of those temporary evils we may have to face and I know that you will face them bravely with me. As I told you, in my last, I see no feasible plan, but for you to stay there this year. If I can possibly arrange to comply with your wishes, you may rest assured that I will do so. I am not without hope of doing so, especially, since your letter of today. Nothing

FROM ALBION WATBORGE

has so seemed like a landing to me, that way. There has been all the time, the most urgent desire, on my part to do so, especially that I may witness your superlative joy; but it has seemed as if events, somehow fenced me in. Now, it may be that they will soon turn. Things seem to look like it. I have had an offer for my book from Col. Walter Clark and the mortgagors of the place have offered me two years longer time, if I will raise the first mortgage. I have a prospect of selling several lots, now that it is known that the sale will not be forced. Then, if I can arrange with White to attend to the selling &c, for me, I will gladly come to you, under the report you give. If Frank is of that opinion I can safely venture, for he certainly knows and would not be inclined to over-estimate the chance. I could not consent to your return now. Things do not justify such a course. If I can get \$2000. clear for the book, I shall take it and that will let me out entirely so that I can come. I know you will see that I can say it. As to mother or, trust me, my arrangement is the best one possible and I think she sees it. Douglas wants to buy lots nos. 1+2, with the piece back of them and nos. 21 to 27 inclusive. I have offered them to him for \$1500 and think he will take them. If he does so, I shall discharge the first mortgage and come to you at once.

FROM ALBION W. TOURGEE,

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we will then talk over the future and
settle it with happy hearts. So just rent
your house and make all calcu-
lations for a pleasant year there. That's a good
deal. I leave down and am doing
my best, looningly and tenderly, and
I know I am right in so doing —
at least I believe it. If it should
turn out that I must stay, I will do
so cheerfully, — gladly I cannot
realizing it my appointed duty
so to do.

I suppose you got the map
which I sent Todie. If you did
not go to the express office and
get it. I met your Mr + Mrs Cobb in
Jacksonville. Decidedly I did not
like him and do not remember a
word her. No doubt they are pleas-
ant people. No matter whether they are
or not, just think so, anyhow.

I am very glad you spoke to Frank
and Mr Selden. If such men will
stand by me, a little at first, and I
can get a few "spurs" to go on, all
will be well. I feel hopeful and
grateful to our good friends who

FROM ALBION W. TORRICE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

has remembered us in Mesage. I am
not so afflicted as Haywood who
is almost starving with his drunken
son hauled home on a drag today
and he himself sick for two months.
Or like Col. Selmer who lies dan-
gerously ill for two months with
his old wound. Be of good
heart darling and listen to my
admonitions.

Love to all

Yours Ever

Albion Torrice