

Raleigh, North Carolina,
August 23, 1879.

Having learned with much regret that it is the purpose of Hon. Albion W. Tourgee to leave this State, and settle permanently elsewhere, I beg leave to bear my testimony to his merits as a man and as a citizen. I have had the pleasure of knowing Judge Tourgee for about twelve years, and can truthfully say that he is a very able lawyer, and that, as an advocate, he has no superior in North Carolina. He is an accomplished scholar, and is, with his varied gifts and attainments, a person of fine moral character and unquestioned integrity.

In parting as he reluctantly do with Judge Tourgee, I take pleasure in commending him to all as a very worthy and deserving person.

Respectfully,
W. W. Holden,
Ex-Gov. of N. C.