

District Court of the United States,

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA,

AT CHAMBERS,

Elizabeth City, Sept 12th 1879.

To all to whom this may be shown

I have known

the man A. W. Tourgee from the fall of 1866. At this time quite well - Since the ~~first~~ date first mentioned he has been a member of several legislative bodies for this state & in all, acting a prominent part in the proceedings of these bodies. He has acted & served as Superior Court Judge for one of the counties of this state.

Both before & after his elevation to the rank of Judge Tourgee was a member of the Bar & practicing in the State & Federal courts of this District - I have had much intercourse with him all of which I have found both pleasant & profitable to me -

I feel well assured that no one who has had like opportunities to judge of his ability as a lawyer will doubt that he is a gentleman of rare ability - I take pleasure in certifying as above.

G. W. Brooks