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PUBLISHERS,

Boston, April 6 1887

Ms Emma K Tourgee

Dear Madam

We are in receipt of yours of the 4th.

We see nothing in the Contract to object to, except the last written clause, which we think is quite unfair and one-sided, and we can't see the necessity for it. ~~As for~~ the Contract we & our legal representatives ~~and~~ assignees agree to publish the book upon certain terms & conditions, which if not complied with gives you the power to return all your rights.

Under your clause contingencies might arise by which we should lose our entire investment.

These contracts between authors & publishers are very much like partnerships, pleasant when everything is harmonious, but no longer to be desired when discord arises and we always are ready to dissolve them in such cases. We should have no objection to insert in the contract the clause which we have pencilled opposite your

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written clause. Under this clause in any contingency wh. might arise you have the power to annul the contract.

We have added a fine to clause V on the supposition that such was the intention in regard to the uniform Edition of the authors works.

We do not object to furnishing the books intended for the "Globe Ocean" at half off from the retail price

Trusting that the suggestions we have made will meet your approval we are

Yours very truly

Roberts Bros.