

Ashtabula O Jan 4<sup>th</sup> '91

Judge A. M. Surau

Wish esteemed friend

without any intention of intruding, or  
any other wrong, will you please be so  
kind as to send by Mail, your Photo<sup>to</sup>  
to me, & the Price of your Book entitled  
Bricks without Straw & Oblige Yours  
whose many good wishes are for your  
wellbeing, & continued usefulness in fence  
of those who can do but little for themselves  
& for one truly believe, the day is past  
for the American Whites excepting  
you, & perhaps a Bakes dozen in this  
great Republic to do our People any  
good, they used so many demoralizing  
means to degrade us, that now, they think  
vice a virtue, & virtue vice. - after there  
long practice of Pettulity, to get us down  
where they say we belong, we not knowing  
what nor where, they had to go with us, &  
stay" or we would get haerd first

I am warranted in saying - the clay in front  
a fountain can not at the same place  
issue both salt & sweet water -

I am yours truly

J. L. Lusk

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