

Emeketa Ct. Feb. 4, 1871.  
Judge Albion W. Touque,  
Marzville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Being an interested  
reader of the "Bystander's Notes," I  
would like very much to ask you  
a question or two. As the constitution  
of the U. S. grants that a citizen of  
any state may exercise the rights  
of citizenship of the several states  
why may not many southern re-  
publicans who have gone south from  
the northern states, sue in the federal  
courts, compelling election boards & receive  
and honestly count their votes? Why  
could not the U. S. courts thus settle the  
 vexed suffrage question? Not being  
a lawyer I honestly want to know.  
Yours truly,  
Smith

P.S. By sec. 2, Art. III, <sup>of constitution U.S.</sup> I think such  
a remedy could be had, especially  
when taken in connection with sec. 2  
of Art. IV.

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