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Judge Abner Fouque.

Keaysville

N. J.

My Dear Sir -

I endorse your

Patriotism, because it is based upon the equality of Human Freedom, and has for its aim the securing of the inalienable rights of life and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Practical Politics, to make these rights, must consist in the acquirement of useful knowledge and the reducing of that knowledge to practice, which constitutes wisdom. Practical Politics embracing righteousness, which alone can exalt a Nation, <sup>is wisdom.</sup> wisdom is the reducing of useful knowledge to practice. This is the wisdom, that makes wise unto salvation.

If there be not moral force enough in this Nation to secure the Religious and Political Rights of the Colored People, it is doomed. Its down-fall is as certain as the sun-shine; and great will be the fall. Prosperity will depart never to return. War will be interminable. Cruelty will rule with

an iron rod. The torch and dagger will be the  
implements of war.

The sowing is now unrighteous.  
The reaping <sup>can</sup> but be of the sowing. War blazing to war.  
Blood treading upon the heels of blood. And all this  
brought on the People by Linn, now a member  
of the Supreme Court, and Latham, Harris and  
Hamburg, Butler and the other murderous asso-  
ciates in the United States Senate. There  
men in the United States Senate and  
House of Representatives from the Solid  
South, are there by the most unmerciful,  
and wicked murders ever perpetrated upon  
a helpless, oppressed, and unrighteously despised  
People. There is no crime that surpasses the  
crime of these fellows against the Colored People.  
If this Country is saved, it will have to be along  
your line - by securing righteousness to the Colored  
People.

I commend you courage. It is such  
as God only can give. It is born of our  
conception of God - Who is the Eternal,  
making for righteousness. May he bless and  
keep you. He will strengthen your heart -  
Good success to you.

Your sincere friend for Righteousness sake.  
John A. Edmondson