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Judge Tourgee

My dear Sir

I have just telegraphed you to the effect that I have no doubt about the proposition - that is as to the value of such a book, and our being able to get in harmony together. Also that my wife and I will be delighted to have your own Tourgee make us a visit.

I do not think it would be proper for me to have any thing to do with the story, nor do I want my name to appear first on the title-page - I would not like to assume the responsibility of such a position would imply.

I could undertake to lay before you, in about the form you may desire, every thing contained in my collection relating to the men and the times about I lack I will obtain so far as I am able to purchase the same never collected specially on Columbus, but him not wholly within my field; but in regard I have gone rapidly through it and out a list of what it contains, a copy of which I enclose herewith. I notice the

of important work, most of which, however,
I think I can get. Doubtless some new
material will be unearthed by investigators
during the next two years, but probably
not enough to materially affect the
nature or amount of what you
want.

I shall have to have some fixed
limits regarding what I am to
do, or I should be apt to give you
twenty times as much as you could
use, and, indeed, that may be the
best way, leaving you to select such
as you may require. I am afraid
if you expect much more of me
than handling facts, or working
over raw material, that you
will be disappointed.

Very sincerely
H. H. Sauerbrey