

Columbus Miss April 27/91

My dear Sir,

I have but just finished your comment in the Luter Ocean of the 4th and the thought arose in my mind, that I should be pleased to get the present status of a National Citizen as you are pleased to treat him under the Constitution of these U.S. that delights some people to spell with a big "N" tucked away in a corner of the 10th page of the same issue. From "The Buffalo Com"; they raise the query whether or no, our Constitution is not defective, and accommodations? When a foreign subject is killed they apply to the Govt for reparation & redress. We turn to them to say, the punishment redress & reparation is left wholly to the Commonwealth & community that opposes the killing. This great Nation in its dire distress can lay hands upon me & compel me to aid in defending its honor & flag yet if a secret & organized rebellion has fit to treat or murder me. The Nation turns a deaf ear to my appeal & leaves me over to the Executive Mercies of State Sovereignty, to extract justice from their hands to be a servant over here some when I sit in a State other than my home, have no redress. Where it is deconsecrated & stipulated in the Code of Government law, that I shall have all the rights & immunity of a Citizen of these U.S. with out a hindrance - and that all laws made in pursuance & in conformity with instrument shall be the perfect law of the land -

Kind up on this line of in a way
Take the New Orleans episode for a text

In haste

Cordially & Sincerely yours

Eric Butterfield

To
Albin W. Tappan
New York City

The Sovereign Citizen is the bed rock upon which our
Structure is built. To say & mean that we can do
anything less than National Suicide -

What Experience, in the ways of a mysterious, Divine
Providence, must this people pass through before
will ever realize, there is "a God in Israel". It
seems from the experience of the late employment
it ought admonish & teach all a mile before,
especially a Solid South, that the great Solution
of eternal, equal & exact justice to all classes
& conditions of men, is the only safe broad
spanacea for all past, present wrongs &
injustices - Will plagues of yellow Jack, or
cholera, or adversity, ever mark out
highways of eternal truth, which may help
take or establish peace? So long as men are
to them selves, that liberty is for them only and
for others of body created beings? The