

B. H. COMINGS,
CRANBERRY GROWER.

St. Joseph, Mich., Apr 15 1898

Hon A. M. Tourgee.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty
of enclosing to you some of my
ideas on the political situation.

I also beg to suggest, that it
has been to me an unsolvable
riddle. how one who has your
clear vision on so many points.
can still cling to any hope of
reform from the present Repub
party?

From my travels south. I have
come to the conclusion that
next to the mistake & crime of
secession. was the giving an
unlimited suffrage to the colored
man: (with no educational limit)

And then the inhumanity of
giving them with no provision
getting an education - and

last and worst of all. to take
no steps - or help in any way
to protect them from the
Paloo. which has made so
many thousands of them. ten
times worse than slavery at
its worst?

If the Rep^{re} party had kept
a shadow of the spirit of
Sumner - Wilson or Lincoln -
alive. I could fully comprehend
your devotion to its continuance.

But to me. the position on the
"force Bill" after disfranchising
the whole vote in D.C. - wholly on
a/c of the corruption of the Colored
vote. is a piece of unequaled
hypocrisy. except by the
claim of the present Admin^{ist}
to be a "christian & temperance"

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Administration and the be
guilty of using the Consular
Service to debauch the poor
"Spanish Americans" with the
Beer trade??

I have before me a copy
of "Malt & Beer in Spanish
America." Pubd by our State
Dept An infamy equal
to England's Opium trade with
China?

The refusal to join the
other nations to keep the
Liquor Traffic out of Africa
another infamy?

And your men will plead
with Christian men to continue
this party in power?

How can you??

Respectfully,
S. H. Comings.

P.S.

Which are the worst dangers,
Compromising half decent
Christians. - hunting for office
like Ben Harrison, and Jim Blaine
Or infamous tools of evil
like Hill, or Cleveland???

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