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County,
State of Raleigh, N.C.

July 19th, 1891.

Dear Mr. Torgue.

I rec'd your letter of 6th inst. Truly the Smoked Roe Herring is a slippery fish. I hope you have received them before this - and that they are what the Judge wanted. I might have sent them by Ex. but thought it too expensive. A tracer was started here on receipt of your letter.

Of the Ohio Rep League: W. J. Squire, president, wrote me requesting me to address them at the Lincoln Banquet Feb 12th '92. I replied I had never done such a thing and never expected to. but he wrote again - wanted me to respond to a couch. I judged - to southern Republicanism - or something to that effect. I told him I was not a leader in politics nor in Republican thought - hardly in good standing with such, and not even "to the manner born". And to show him that I wasn't altogether lovely in my own party - I sent him a copy

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of my letter to the Chairman, Senate Com on Postoffice, &c.
but he took it by inversion and said if I would give the
Club 15' to 30' of that sort of provender he would guarantee me
a very appreciative audience, and wanted me to name the subject.

Now this is the worst hole I ever fell into, and in casting about
for its origin - I laid it on the Judge, because just like him.
If he didn't do it - goodness knows who did. I don't, and
I would like to help scalp him.

The "Son of Old Harry" is getting cruel. Tell the Judge he will
have to start a cemetery for Broken Hearts. I don't like these
sad-heart-rending stories. "All love and little dove" is better.

Don't make one's hair stand on end - but is restful and satisfying.
Everything quiet here - gone to Moriches. Busby getting better. Clark won-
dering what the Judge thinks of his article on Gov's control of telegraph,
and making me repeat the lie every other day that I sent it to him.
If he keeps it up, I shall eventually lose all hope of salvation.

If the Judge would like to see me among the goats - tell
him to write Clark that Shaffer blessed him with a copy, the
finest literary poem since Iliad - and that he
now thinks Gov't control of "Hello Central," superior to the
great politico-economic questions of the propagation of Herb
Grass through Government subsidy.

Kindest regards to the Judge.

Hastily yours.

A. Shaffer

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