

New Orleans, La.,

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Dear Judge: It affords us no little pleasure to send you this letter in token of our esteem for you, and indicative of the deep sense of gratitude we entertain for your present noble efforts in our behalf.

We are also mindful of what you have done for our down-trodden race in the past. We believe we have in you a friend who not only sympathizes with us in all our woes and sorrows but a friend who is always ready to defend us. We hope and believe we entertain a correct estimation of the manly courage exemplified by you in your efforts for our defence, for we know that it often requires more courage to defend a righteous cause, when public opinion is adverse to it, than it does to face the musketry of the battle-field.

We have nothing to offer but our hearts full of love for you, and our prayers invoking the blessings of the Almighty God whose strong arm of protection is promised to the right., and a share of our means to aid this cause.

We beg leave, through you, to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends who have signified their willingness to co-operate with you in this laudable movement, through the consummation of which we hope our rights as American citizens, shall be obtained as guaranteed by the constitution of the United States.

Very truly yours,

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