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Hon. A. W. Touper -

My dear Sir & friend -

I had made up my mind to write yesterday, being Sunday, my day of rest; but we had people all day until a late hour & not a moment to myself. Today in despair, I can only send you a copy of the separate case law. I do not know that you it will reach Riverside before you leave it, but I hope it will follow. I will also mail a copy to Meyville, to be sure that you get it.

I have not been able to see our local counsel, Mr. Walker, yet. I sent him word to-day to wait for me at 10:30 to-morrow evening. I will tell him to write to you, at Meyville.

I saw the lawyers of the ~~road~~ Louisville & Nashville R.R. today. They are willing that we shall make the case on their road. They will not, however, make the



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with the eminent persons & patriots who will compose the Council, but the success of the Association is more to me. I shall labor to that end with all my powers. Whether in or out you can always count on me.

I am glad that Rev. Jackson has been misrepresented. He talked so much & tried so hard to obstruct our movement that I gave more ready <sup>credence</sup> ~~belief~~ to the report that I communicated to you than I would otherwise have done. You need have no fear; my what you call my combativeness will not interfere with the N. C. R. A., nor with the progress of any good cause. I have no grivance & no personal ill-feeling against anyone; and I can always sink matters personal <sup>if I had any</sup> for the ~~purpose~~ <sup>success</sup> of the common cause; you can always rest assured of that.

Mr. Tupper has kindly sent me a

photograph of you. This has been a peaceful  
Christmas with me, & unusually so, in the matter  
of receiving gifts; but of all I have re-  
ceived, all much appreciated & some ~~dearly~~  
highly, this picture of you is the dearest.  
I shall frame it & preserve it for all  
time. I shall this week make our ack-  
nowledgment to Mrs. Touge of its receipt.

Now I have almost written a letter,  
but will close short. I am, & all  
our friends are, sorry to learn that your  
health is not what it should be <sup>for your own self &</sup> to enable  
you to ~~stand~~ stand all the hard labor that  
rest on you; ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> we all unite in  
hoping that you had a pleasant Christmas,  
& wishing you a prosperous & happy  
New Year, until we can <sup>give a</sup> more sub-  
stantial ~~proof~~ <sup>proof</sup> of our high  
regards, esteem, <sup>or</sup> gratitude to you, please  
to accept these heartfelt wishes.

Faithfully yours,  
L. A. Martinet