

Greenboro', Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1869.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

My dear Sir:

Enclosed please find  
a Complaint of Ans Houston, Adm<sup>r</sup> of  
J. N. Houston vs. Suzanne Steele and  
wife & ab. It is a friendly and  
family suit. The answer shows that  
to save sending papers twice to you, I  
presumed to draw the order of refer-  
ence to Col. Clapp, which you will  
please sign, and send him to pass upon  
the papers and report: If you ap-  
prove the proceedings and make  
decree, it will greatly oblige  
all the parties. The settlement of  
the two estates cannot be made  
until this matter is adjusted.  
We will then decree to direct, that  
J. N. Houston's estate be exhausted  
first, and the balance taken from

The estate of John B. Houslain, as  
is prayed in our Complaint.  
By giving this your most diligent  
attention, you will greatly oblige  
your friends.

I have no legal news for  
you at present.

I am with regard,

Your friend,

Wm. L. Kane