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Mayville, N. Y. February 27th, 1908.

Thursday p.m.

My dear Mr Nixon:

Your letter of November 25th, 1907, addressed to me in Washington, arrived there after I had left and was only forwarded me after a long time. Since receiving it I have thought to write you many times, but somehow have not done so. Now, I propose to carry out my intentions.

Before writing you about the "Veteran" I had addressed the W.B. Conkey Company, Hammond, Ind., but they vouchsafed me no reply. It seemed that it was necessary that some more important person than I, should communicate with them to get an answer. Before getting your letter with theirs enclosed, I had consulted a legal friend who is up on all copyright matters, who said that they were liable not only for the royalty, but for a suit in damages for "pirating" the book, and that he would undertake the matter for me if I so desired. It did not seem of enough consequence to be at the trouble and expense of a suit, and after getting their letter to you, I thought in view of what they might be in for they would settle with me for a small amount for the copies they now have on hand and for the plates of the book and he thought they should turn over the plates and the copies for \$25.00. I find that the royalty was the same as "The Man of Destiny" of which I find several accounting to your firm Belford, Clarke & Co., at that rate. If you will kindly undertake to make this proposition to them, I shall be much obliged. I think I could dispose of some of the book at least, through some Grand Army friends, and we shall have the plate when we get out the new edition of the Judge's books, to use if we wish to. It would be quite useless for me to write the Conkey folks, as it is not likely they would pay any attention whatever to a letter from me.

We put out a new edition of "Button's Inn" this winter, as there was such a great local demand for it, as there is a trolley line from Janestown to Westfield, which runs right by the site of the old Inn. It was a success and we hope for a very good sale during the summer season. I am sending you a copy of our town paper with a little account of the writing of the story which may interest you. Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. K. J.