

A. W. TOURGEE,
JUDGE.

Office of the Judge of the Superior Court,
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, N. C.

Greensboro, December 28th, 1871.

W. F. Grant
President —

Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to a fact which, more than any other which has come to my knowledge, illustrates the wisdom and beneficence of ~~the course which~~ your administration ~~has adopted~~ at the South. — ~~Such~~ At the Superior Court of the County of Alamance, at which I had the honor to preside ^{last week}, a Grand Jury composed of a large majority of members of Ku Klux organization, including one Chief of a camp, ^{presented bills of indictment} indicted sixty-three members of the Klan for felony and eighteen for the murder of Wyatt Outlaw, whom you may recollect ~~as being~~ ^{the} ~~of the~~ ⁱⁿ on the Court House square Feb 26th 1870 — Many of those indicted are of the most respectable families of the County. — The confessions now in my hands also reveal the per-

perpetrators of similar crimes in other countries -
I do not doubt, within a month I shall
hold ample evidence as to every K. K. crime
in this district -

Nothing, Mr. President, but the
firm and prompt and unflinching firmness
of your course in relation to this vexatious
question could have rendered such a thing
possible - To the State government the Ku Klux
was an impregnable fortress. Sixty-four times
I had tried in vain to break into its walls
and secure testimony sufficient to enable
me to demand from juries indictment
and conviction - The former had a few times
been secured by a preponderance of
Republican jurors - the latter never.
And so it would have remained until the
end of time, ~~but that~~ ^{had not} your wise and pa-
triotic course so frightened the adherents
of the Invisible Empire that they began
to desert in squads. And this is the result
- a Ku Klux Grand jury indicted for ~~Ku Kluxing~~
I believe, Mr. President, that I have the honor to
present to you the fish fly of France, the fish

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act of submission, upon the part of foes more
bitter and dangerous than those which yielded
at Appomattox, - and ^{they leave} to offer you the sin-
cere thanks and congratulations of every
peace loving citizen of this much Kulluxed
district, for the victory which gives us safety
and vindicates the law, even in the mouths
of our enemies -

I have sir the honor to remain

Your obedient servant
A. W. Tourgee Judge
Superior Court - 7th Dist. N. C.

~~I doubt, sir, if ever you can fully appreciate
the debt which we who have purchased the release
of this foe from our own palms, owe to you, or
the gratitude and reverence we feel.~~

Draft of
Letter
to

U. S. Grant

President

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