

A. W. TOURGEE,
JUDGE.

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

Greensboro', Feb. 19th, 1872

Hon. Alex. M. Coar:-
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Sir:

Your favor of the 16th
inst. containing circular is received.

I should
long ago have tendered ~~my~~ resignation as a
member of the Board of Trustees, had it not
been for the sneer of a partizan press which
assailed me in that capacity before I had
even accepted the appointment. I have always
been opposed to partisanship or sectarianism in
any ^{it} institution of learning - especially one fos-
tered by the State - I cannot forget however that
very many of the Alumni refused to serve as
trustees for the reason that the appointment came
from a Republican source - They would not
consent to throw aside party politics then and I
may be allowed to doubt whether the term "party poli-
tics" in their resolution does not ^{now} mean "politics
opposed to the conservative party." - Of one thing

I am confident - that in the public print
and on the stump, this course proposed, if suc-
cessful, will be hailed as a political victory.
Nought any prediction - Every ^{conservative} newspaper and
every stump orator will dwell upon it as a
defeat of the Republican party and a triumph
of the Conservative. You may exclude "party politics"
but they will drag ^{it in} as a financial measure I am
inclined to think it the best that can be done -
As to the removal of ~~party~~ "party politics" from the
organization and government" - I seriously fear
that it will result in reversing the politics of
one party and putting in that of the other -

I hope I may be mistaken and no one will
rejoice more than I should in so result -

I have, sir, the honor to entertain you my res-
ignation as a Trustee of the University of North
Carolina -

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. servt

A. W. Torrey