

Goldboro June 12th 1893

Superior Court--Seventh Judicial District, N. C.

ALBION W. TOURGEE, Judge.

I don't feel like writing tonight - You must excuse this poor letter - I shall probably have to stay here this week and week too - Oh so, I will not miss the train next Saturday - His letter for me - I will send Kate's and am running in it by Exp. - Tomorrow yours ever - Albion W. Torgue

My dear wife: - I know you were terribly disappointed that I failed to enter an appearance at home last night but you could hardly have been more so than I. I had packed my carpet-bag yesterday, ~~morning~~ ~~as usual~~ to be delayed and went to court at ten to hear the closing arguments in the fraud - as I had on hand - The arguments dragged along and I took no recess for dinner as I was bound to take the 4 p.m. train for home - The argument closed about 3.40 - Then I had to charge the jury - It had been a long and intricate case and there were many points which I had to decide and comment upon - A long list of special instructions were asked by both sides - and I was held longer than I had intended - It was ten minutes of four by my time - and I was just closing the charge when I heard the whistle of the locomotive - "Take the care" - I said to the jury and saying but and court started on the run for the train - I was just in time to see it go off without me - It was a bitter disappointment and has sponk me ever since - I went to church this morning and

am a very young man, to have done what you have. No man in the State has ever improved himself so deeply on North Carolina as you have done. It is admitted by all, that the Constitution and Law - are yours - and now I must confess you are surprising us all in this region upon the bench - of course I can't and I can't give you any more.

have lain about reading the rest of the day - I have not done much on Fayette the past week - Busy during the day and have had friends at my room nearly every night - No mistake I have done a good thing by coming here - Every body is praising me so that I am getting to blush by habit - At first they wanted to put me in a cage and exhibit me for a fee - If I went on the street every one was staring at me - I nearly thought I could not write my name and all were sure that I knew no law - My friends were all fearful I would have trouble with the bar and gave me endless cautions and counsel - I kept in doors nearly all the time for the first week - I could only be seen in court and every one went there to see me - The first thing that struck them was that I was muster in the Court - It dawned on them gradually - You know I dislike parallel but they found it in - Then somehow the ~~impression~~ impression abroad that I did know some law - and now every member of the bar has congratulated me on the impression I am making - Bar and people declare that they wish I were on the District instead of Clarke - I told some of them that it was gratifying to have them praise me after abusing me so long - Strong - a conservative said to me today "well Judge you