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Sir, —

Summons in case of Sharpless  
Brothers, ~~to~~ vs Albion W. Tourgee, has  
to day been served upon me

The bill of particulars therein re-  
ferred to did not accompany  
the complaint and I have ~~no~~  
no information in regard to the  
facts on which it is founded. —

I suppose you are aware, that I have  
an indebtedness amounting to

75,000 or more, am without  
any property or estate whatever, <sup>and</sup> that  
a Receiver has been appointed of  
whatever I may chance to have after  
proceedings supplementary to Ex parte

Reuder these circumstances, as I have  
a family dependent upon my exertions, it  
has become necessary, to pledge the

proceeds of my labor for their support, even before it is performed. I do not suppose there is any reasonable prospect of my circumstances being any better. The burden is too great for a man to attempt to work off with his pen. I should even doubt my ability to pay ten per cent of the amount in half as many years.

The amount of your claim is small and I do not think that even by the expenditure of ten times the amount it could ever be made worth ten per cent of its face. I wish however to satisfy as far as I am able <sup>that</sup> all claims against me may be satisfied so far as is possible and if you are willing to accept 25 per cent of the face of your claim to take a judgment by default and assign the same for 25 per cent of the face of your claim I will make an effort to hire one who takes a friendly interest in securing my release from overwhelming liability, pay you that amount within 30 days from acceptance of offer.

You will find the <sup>statements</sup> facts which I have <sup>made</sup> stated in  
every respect abundantly supported by the  
record. Please let me hear from

You at your convenience.

Yours truly

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Mrs Jm. S. Ball  
To E & K Trupee Dr

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