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Hon. J. B. Foraker Dear Sir. I had intended to give myself the pleasure of being present and shaking your hand on the occasion of your second inauguration as Governor of my native State. To my regret I find myself unable to do so. I beg therefore, to assure you hereby, not only of my profound admiration and esteem, but also of the pride I have, as an Ohioan, and a Republican, in the courage and ability displayed in the magnificent fight which you made as a gubernatorial candidate for that fundamental principle of Republicanism, from which all its victories and its glories have sprung — equality of right for all, under the law and by virtue of the law, — a principle which is an essential corollary of "government of the people, by the people and for the people." May the honor you have so nobly won, be but the precursor of more exalted dignity. Sincerely yours Albion H. Jouque

P.S. Allow me to add that the foregoing but weakly expresses my personal gratification that there is at least one Republican, who has not clambered down from the hill of principle in order to slump around in the quagmire of doubt, evasion and compromise. It really seems as if right and wrong might again be recognized in politics as something more than defunct whimsicalities. Perhaps if the resurrector holds off long enough, it may yet be admitted that a negro who fought for the country has a right to vote for its rulers.

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