

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7, 1889.

Hon. A. W. Touzée

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Accept thanks for your very kind letter. I am quite sure you will have no little influence with the next administration. I want the plan I am seeking, because I want it, and especially for the influence it will give me. It has long been my ambition to be prominent in redeeming N. C. from Bourbon rule. We have looked forward to the time when this could be done, and attempted time and

again, and as often failed. We flatter
ourselves that next time we will
succeed, but the next time we fail
as before. I do see hope for
us, however, although I may
be mistaken again. If the ad-
ministration of President Har-
vism is a success - that is if
it is popular, like that of Gar-
field would have been, he will
be re-nominated and re-elected.
His re-nomination, with the pat-
ronage of the Government under
his control, the bitter feeling that
now exists in the border Southern
States will be somewhat allayed,
and we will have - if not a
fair election, a much fairer

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one than we have had for years. Then will be the time to strike for North Carolina. With good men in the Federal office and new leaders we can carry the State. If our Republican friends at the North will give us that moral support we are entitled to. Do you know one thing - yes, you do know it - and that is that one of the greatest difficulties we have to contend with is to make our Northern brethren believe that there are any respectable Republicans in the South. They

do not seem to understand the Southern situation, and while they seemingly assent to what you say, there is a smile of incredulity that passes over their countenance after the story is told. I want to be partly instrumental in removing this spirit of doubt.

To be plain, if I can work out my plans, and all matters work right, I contemplate being the candidate for Governor in 1892, and if I am, I am going to be elected. I intend to work to that end for the next three years and a half. If I succeed, then I will be content - my ambition will be satisfied.

Don't laugh. Sincerely yours, John Kibbs