

Lynchburg, March 18th
Judge Albion Torngree,

Dear Sir!

I write to thank
you for your kind letter and
to ask for the return of my
printed slips -

One of my ancestors landed on
Plymouth Rock in 1630, which
some people think accounts
for my "Radical streak". On the
other hand, all the rest of my
forbears were Virginians since
colonial days, some of them
of cavalier stock - Are not we
Americans of a mixed race?

I think that your gloomy
anticipations are all wrong -
you yourself have done a
good work in helping to break
down the stubborn walls
of prejudice, and other people
will follow in your good steps.

2. Have you ever seen a book written by
a neighbor of mine called "Slaves
in the Flesh?" The author Capt.
Floyd is a Virginian, but married
in here. He says he believes that
every old Creole family in N.C.
has Negro blood in its veins. I
sent Capt. Floyd the Fool's Errand
which stirred him up to writing
his book, intended as a reply
to yours. One of his leading char-
acters is a lovely octroon (I say
he knew the original) who mar-
ries a white man.

I wish when you came South you
had settled in the Shenandoah
Valley, my birthplace instead of
among the "tar-heels". If you had
I fancy the world would have
lost the "Fool's Errand" & you
would have found a more
congenial clime.

Do you ever see the Southern
Walk man?

2. Wonderful changes are going on with both races in the South - Would you believe that the majority of business men here in Danville are glad of Harrison's election? They are too much afraid of the politicians to speak openly, but they want the tobacco tax settled & they want Protection & look to the Republican party for both measures -

If the President is prudent, there is a prospect for a great growth of Republicanism in the South -

I hope you will come to Virginia some time & I should be glad to see you here & show you the progress our colored people are making -
Yours with best wishes,
Orra Laughorne.

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