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Hon. A. H. Tourgee

My dear Sir

I know that there is no man who so well knows as yourself what it means to have been a republican here ever since the war. I am the only white native who has been so. If I could tell you of how I have borne the butcher's heat of the day it would add but a mite to what you already know. Since Mahone got control, there is as little show for an old republican, as for a C. bagger. He hates both alike. I need work, want to ask you to aid me in getting a place which will enable me to move my wife & daughters to a civilized country. If you could hear the truth as to my case, I know you would aid me. I had the pleasure of meeting you once in Oxford, but don't expect you will remember it. I have not seen Col Hargrove of that place in 25 years but once, but will refer you to him. Hoping you great success I am

Most Truly Yrs.

Wm Jones