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Chicago, June 14th, 1889.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

My Dear Judge:--

Inclosed you will find a statement from Belford, Clark & Co. of the amount of royalty on all copies of the Veteran and His Pipe, which they have disposed of. I inclose you a check for three-fifths of the same, amount \$25.02, and retain two-fifths, which if I recollect right was our agreement. If not correct let me know and I will make it so. I had a long talk with Mr. Belford yesterday, and he said he did not know why the Veteran and His Pipe did not go better, but it was, so far as sales were concerned, a comparative failure. I have been intending to write you for more than a month but have put it off until I could see Mr. Belford, and other things have crowded me so much that I have failed to call upon him until yesterday. After a rest, which was a long one for me, I got back home April 1st, which was two weeks earlier than I intended to come, but a telegram from home said it was necessary I should be here. I came back much improved and have been improving ever since, in fact I have felt the benefits of my trip much more since I got back to Chicago than I did while I was away. I find however a great many things to

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be done some of which are rather unpleasant and worry me. While The Inter Ocean is doing splendidly I find it necessary to reduce expenses. As during my lazy period which practically lasted about six months a great many things were added, of course with my consent, but very little was cut off, and I find I have got to go to trimming down and that leads me to say that after this month we will have to try to get along without the Bystander. I do not like to lose you as a contributor and hope to be able to take you on in some other way after I have got the ship trimmed and lightened. I ought to have written the first of this month and so intended, but we are apt to put off unpleasant things as long as we can, especially when we have a multitude of them thrust on us whether we will or not.

I trust you are well and have a pleasant prospect before you this summer. Shall be glad to see you whenever you are in Chicago. Heard of you being here several times while I was gone, but have not heard of you being in Chicago since my return.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Dean Howells