

Washington, DC

Sept. 9th - 1889

The Honorable,

A. W. Toungie,

Demerick, N. J.

My Dear Sir:

I am sure that

the general public will

readily agree with me in

thinking that the terms of

your dedication show only

and your personal patriotism

are 6th Division letter & an answer has been
sent only re: meeting - just now!

to me is very great indeed.

Meanwhile I might not
be what the public will be, or
sharp critic of the results of
the publicity, as there appears
in your dedication. And I
think that the dedication
should be calculated for the
taste & judgment of the public.

I am heartily obliged by
the dedication, & also by
the sentiments which you see

so kind of a letter. It is all
very patriotically done & my good
fortune has been able, for some
unknown cause, to inspire so
acute & thoroughly informed a
man as yourself.

Inasmuch as the public
will ascribe the dedication as its
own stand to personal feeling in
the writer - & hardly be able to
understand how that could carry
him so far - I am of opinion
that it all should be recast

for use in which such personal
(as I indicate with pen, on the slip about I return)
feelings should be suppressed, - content
more, I think that I have not
at all ^{level} & cannot hereafter at all
live up to the terms of your dedi-
cation. I am sure that in N.C.,
and out of N.C., all who know
me as true friend of race, will say
so, - & in clearer tones than I now
do.

I have hardly kept myself space in which
to thank you for the Great Experiment which you
propose to try me. But I can do so interestingly,
in smaller type. I am not in the way of
seeing "Lippincott", but I did purchase a number
which had about 3 chapters a very interesting
chapter in your story - a series of series, or
may be. Present my regards to Mrs. Joyce
& Miss Joyce. Very sincerely,
S. J. Williams