

House of Representatives U. S.,

Burlington House

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1889.

Judge Souree

Marshall N. Y.

My Dear Sir: I have been reading your letter in Inter Ocean, and I want to thank you for the fearless stand you have taken in insisting that our fellow Citizens in the South, and everywhere, shall receive the protection that is due to American Citizens from the flag of our country. It seems to me the greatest mystery of the age, that our Gov. should so long allow this systematic, and preconcerted, ~~oppression~~ and intimidation to go on. I have been hopefully, but impatiently waiting to see some leader step forth and arouse the conscience and patriotism of the American people, to such an extent that they would again throttle this spirit of treason to the principle of equal rights and equal protection to citizens, that our common flag is supposed to represent.

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In your fearless articles I take new  
hope, and shall with great interest watch  
the progress of the agitation that is sure to  
come, and it seems to me before the agita-  
tion ceases, must come the settlement of this  
protestant question; that even if settled now,  
on the basis it should be settled; will yet  
~~leave~~ leave the most shameful blot on  
our Escutcheon, of any of our whole history.

I will be a member of the 51<sup>st</sup> Congress,  
(having been elected to the vacancy caused  
by the appointment of Hon Thos Ryan  
Minister to Mexico), and in my humble  
way may have something to say and do,  
in reference to this matter, but it will be  
my first term there, and I would be very  
glad to have any suggestion from you that  
would indicate your judgment of what is  
best to be done, in the mean time I beg

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of you to keep up the agitation, for better  
than any other man or woman that I  
know, you are capable of doing it well.  
I have an impression that this question  
will in the near future, occupy more of the  
attention of the American people, than  
any, and perhaps all others. I would be glad  
to hear from you.

Yours with great respect  
Harrison Kelly