

The Assault

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Dear Mrs Tourgee

I have to thank you for your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>, just received.

Of course I am more than willing to await the judge's return. I am still, as ever, anxious not to do, or even to say anything hasty or unkind, & it is only to hold my position that I may be sometimes compelled, seemingly, ~~to~~ to do so.

For instance you seem still to think that I am "pressing" for payment of money "invested" in the "disastrous enterprise" the judge had in "perfect confidence" induced me to put my money into - Now, in the first place, I am not

seeking payment of the  
\$5000<sup>00</sup> I "invested" in our Continent  
but a personal loan of \$2000  
lent the judge a few days before  
the smash and without his saying  
a word about the precarious state  
of affairs, or any hint or suspicion  
whatever to put me on my guard.  
I trusted implicitly in his word  
that all was well. Under the  
circumstances the judge said that  
this \$2000 should be treated, not  
as a legal debt merely, but as  
a debt of honor, & that I should  
receive payment in preference  
to all others & out of the very  
first moneys that came to his  
hands. This I must repeat had  
nothing to do with the "disastrous  
investment". The first intimation  
I had of anything wrong, was

When the judge came to my room  
after days after he had borrowed  
my \$2000, & told me of the collapse  
of the magazine, which he further  
said would swallow up every thing  
that he had, but that this \$2000  
should be treated as a debt of  
honor, have precedence above  
every thing &c &c as I state above.  
My action & demeanour at that  
interview caused the judge to  
shed tears & to exclaim "For God's  
sake Gray strike me or cut  
"me or something, but dont hit  
"there & extend me sympathy  
"as a friend". These are points  
that I dont wish to dwell upon  
but that I cannot afford to have  
altogether forgotten.  
As you say, I was a guest at  
your house, certainly, & saw the  
ruin that had befallen, but it  
was after I had parted with

my money, not before, that I was  
made acquainted with the tottering  
state of affairs & staid at Mayville.  
As to the next point, namely "pressing"  
for payment, or harassing the judge  
in anyway, I certainly have not done  
so in the past, neither am I now,  
I am simply demanding that I be  
made secure against this sum  
being outlawed & I desire that  
this shall be done as effectually  
as may be, by the proper legal record  
namely judgment for the amount. In  
England this is a simple & everyday  
matter - "To Confess judgment" & I  
presume it is in this Country also.  
All this I think should be brought  
to the judge's notice & not kept  
from him.

Sincerely yours  
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