

United States Post Office,

A. W. SHAFFER,  
POSTMASTER.

Raleigh, N. C., January 22, 1890.

Dear Mr. Tourgee,

Have you received Statement of Ape from A. Williams & Co? I have been on thin heels ever since you wrote last, with promises and excuses every other day. Today I sent a messenger to Neathery instructed to say he was to stay there until it was mailed out and given to him. He came back saying Neathery said it was forwarded direct on a letter from the Judge yesterday, but if it was it would be today!"

Look out for them. They had 1<sup>st</sup> edition of my N. C. maps, 300 of them. After trying in vain for a year to get a Settlement I took away what could be found, 21 Shorth. send them for the balance and goh brab, on the theory that I probably stole my own maps. They have paid Hazzell \$1000. reserved for 5 years, without pay. In common life of phrase Harrill is a thief and liar and Neathery hasn't nerve enough to say "brans." I don't believe a word of their story.

My confirmation hangs fire, yet, "Loge" Upchurch & Ellison  
are doing their best. What will come of it I do not know.

Ask the Judge to read the enclosed and send it back to me  
with opinion whether I ought to forward it. The contents  
of the "Memorial" are all in the 2nd paragraph, condensed.  
The citizens here, Dem & Rep offer to take my confirm-  
ation in hand and send up a big Memorial - but I  
do not like to admit the necessity or obligation.  
It is humiliating. I wish you had sent me a copy  
of the letter to Hawley - so I could know what he had, and  
infer what he would probably do. He and Ransom are the only  
parties in the Senate taking any address interest. I can buy  
Ransom with a fee to Busby, but I don't want to do that.  
Busby is too willing to suit me.

All well, yet, and all send love - Let me know if  
a W & Co have not sent statements.

Yours Hashily.

A. W. Chapman

Ask the Judge if he won't write a letter to Hon Phileas Sawyer,  
Chairman of Senate Com on Post Offices and post roads, especially  
if he thinks my letter ought not to go forward.