

Treasury Department,
Washington.

February 20, 1890.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgée,
Mayville, New York.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and have read with considerable interest your epigrammatic and sententious remarks concerning the integrity of Col. Shaffer of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The controversy was over the appointment of a janitor, and while Col. Shaffer and others near him hold Ellison in distrust, three Members of Congress and a number of representative men of both parties - some of the most prominent men in that portion of the State - vouch for his entire integrity and trustworthiness. If any proof is produced of his dishonesty or unfitness for the position to which he has been appointed,

I shall, of course, very promptly investigate
it and take such action as the results of the
examination would call for.

Very truly yours,

J. Minahan

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