

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., June 13th, 1880.

Dear Mrs Tourgee

Yours of June 8th is before me, also package of Circulars, and Tribune mentioned. I read resumé with great interest and pleasure, and am enclosing a Circular, to each of my correspondents among my constituents, where I think they will excite interest. You did me great honor in quoting from my Estimate. I am feeling a little despondent, as you reported the Judge to be sometime ago, over prospect for Federal Election Bill. I felt so sanguine then that I tried to encourage him, but just now the pendulum swings a little in the other direction, inasmuch as the Census decision is a compromise, including some provisions of both the Supervisors, and Federal features. The bill is not yet formulated but committee is instructed to formulate and present to Census a bill on that plan.

The best feature is to be, the Chief Supervisor is to be the returning board, and it is to be on his certificate to Clerk of House that member is to be seated. The law will only apply to Districts on petition of a certain number of voters which I think is vicious. Reed is master of the situation, and he suggested the compromise which the caucus readily adopted. If the judge could bring his influence to bear on Reed, he might modify his views. I had hoped Reed was fully awake to the needs of the hour, he is a great leader, and may now be leading to harmony and gradually to the goal, and when the time comes we may be all right with a law that will hold water, but I am a little uneasy.

With kindest regards to you and yours

I am yours truly
Harrison Kelly