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Dansville, N. Y., 20 July 1892

My dear Judge

I have read with much interest your letter of the 13th, & am greatly interested in your proposition. Some grip friends here have been pinching me a fair bit this week or I should have answered more promptly. I see some prospect of success & profit in the sailing of your national citizenship ship, providing that it is well launched & properly ballasted. I do not see how it can be made a success by carrying a single product for its cargo be it ever so valuable. To drop the figure, I believe the newspaper should be in one sense an all around newspaper, with, however, the central idea of citizenship controlling

dominating it. The venture must  
also have capital at the start  
& push everlastingly. <sup>Even</sup> Such an  
editor as you are acknowledged  
to be, & of more than national  
reputation as a writer, could  
not without a publisher of large  
experience, tireless energy & uncommon  
pluck, make the newspaper you  
outline, a financial success; &  
the publisher should have capital  
at the outset unless he & the editor  
were very patient & hopeful men.  
The list you have come up with  
much to such an enterprise, if  
money could accompany the names  
that would be worth more.

I hardly feel competent to  
shoulder one part of such an enter-  
prise. If I went into it, I should go  
in a wing, without a thought of possible  
failure & should want to place  
perfectly in advance so as to command  
success. I should be proud of such  
a connection with you whom I so sincerely  
admire, & I should see success for you  
as much as for myself.

If you think after what I have  
written that you would care to further unfold  
your plan to me, I shall be glad to hear  
from you, promising to frankly consider the same  
and frankly report my conclusions.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bourgeois & yours  
self I am as always sincerely  
Yours  
Ed. Russell

Dear Mr. Bourgeois  
Marginalia