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Hon. Albion W. Tourgee  
Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir I have written an essay  
which I have called or entitled "Mob-law  
and Brute violence", but I will say just  
here, that the tenor of it is such, that it could  
as well be called something else, for instance,  
"An Appeal to Reason and Religion,"  
"Shall we have civilization or savagery?", or  
something like either.

I have taken it to some publishers in  
Kansas City Mo, and they thought it worthy  
of consideration, but did not feel that  
they could take it to publish, other than  
at my risks wholly, that is upon my pay-  
ing them so much for their work which  
was decidedly more than I could do. They in-  
formed me however that it would make  
a book of about two hundred pages—  
now what I want to know is, whether or not  
you know of any house, that would be likely

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to take the matter up and publish it, or could or would in any wise help me to get the matter before the world— that, and that alone, being my object, I am not in for reaping one cent of harvest from the matter. — I only feel that the time is ripe for what I have said; and after considering, my limited means, with reference to having it published, together with your great knowledge, and wide experience of matters, along with the boundless grace of your free and untrammelled soul; I thought I might profit by writing you. Now I know it may seem a little ill advised, in me, to use such strong terms, on so short, (even none at all) acquaintance, but let me say my Hon. Sir, I am not fool enough to attempt, to flatter a man of the calibre, that I know you to be. Now then, first of all, I am a Negro, and withal, no where do I speak (in the essay) I was born and ~~raised~~ <sup>reared</sup> in Missouri; and

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am now practicing law here in this city; if you would like references I will give you Prof. Inman, Page of Lincoln Institute Jefferson city Mo. where I took my course in English and to J. W. Green, Dean of the Law Department of Kansas State University where I took my course in law, finishing in 1887, I am 29 years old, and since I can remember have shifted for myself.

In the work I have not minced at things, nor have I grown wild, incendiary and unreasonable, but have attempted to use common plain facts, all the while, appealing to the better judgment of reasonable people.

I wrote the work in the few weeks, between the 20th of Feb. 1892, (the date of the City Burning) and the 24th day of April 1892, of course I could by a very little trouble add a great deal more, concerning what has since happened,

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The plan of the work is a review of a Drama, in which the world is the stage, Mankind the Characters, with Original Intelligence, Prime Cause, or God, as one may call, as audience for the Audience, in which, said Drama, four acts have already passed, and with us now performing the Fifth and possibly last, from which act the largest number of scenes, have been taken, and compared with many, that have been given from the other four.

If you can help me, or give me any information that will, rather, or in any way, aid me in getting my ideas before the world I will be more than thankful. I am poor, but it is not money that I want out of this matter.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, and oblige

I am your Obedient Servant  
I. F. Bradley.