

Santa Cruz, Cal. July 7, 1892.

Abolion W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Sir,-

Yours of May 10 received and the regulation excuse of "lack of time" is my apology for not replying earlier.

When the article referred to appeared in the SURF of April 20, it was supposed that you were stopping in town, as I had no desire to take any seeming advantage of the absence of any person alluded to in the columns of the paper; being under that impression, I did not send the copy which you have received at Mayville.

In regard to the assumption of "unveracity" on your part, I have to say that I consider your remarks which appeared in the article alluded to, to have been made for political effect and that you consider yourself justified in the use of Pickwickian expressions. If you sincerely believe that fifteen persons have been burned at the stake in America, during the past three years, I am quite willing to admit your sincerity, but not to accept the statement as a fact.

I have a very high respect for your abilities and have been greatly interested in the perusal of your writings; but I think you have done an incalculable amount of mischief in this country, and that if there is any one thing in which public welfare demands to "give us a rest" it is upon "Southern outrages".

In conclusion I have to say, that I had no intention of impugning your personal veracity, but assumed that you were taking the politician's privilege of prevarication.

I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

A. S. Taylor
Ed. Surf