

*Headquarters 24th U. S. Infantry.*

QUARTERS OF THE CHAPLAIN.

*Fort Bayard, N. M., August 29, 1892.*

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N.Y.

Sir:

I read with much interest your article on the Colored people at the Columbian Exposition and the failure of the President to appoint a representative man in connection therewith, etc.

I was inspired by that article to apply to Director-General Davis for the appointment as Supt., of an Exhibit for Group 157 Class 919. Religious Organizations and Systems. I think by all means the Colored people should make a good exhibit for this group, first to answer the charges of our enemies and second to encourage our friends. What do you think of such an exhibit? and do you think one should be made?

I enclose 1\$ for Pactolos Prime, for from what I have heard of the book it relates my experience. I have been a slave, sold for 1000\$ at New Orleans, after the fall of Sumpter sent South to prevent learning my letters, placed in prison because I wanted to learn, a run-a-way hid under an outhouse with hounds after me, following the army during the first of the war, enlisting in the Navy advanced to a first class petty officer, finally entering the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer ranking the son of my mother's ~~master~~ former master, etc.

Yours gratefully,

Allen Allensworth,

Captain U.S.A. and Chaplain 24th Inf'ry

P.S.- Any kind of reading matter would be servicable here and thank-  
fully received and distributed.

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