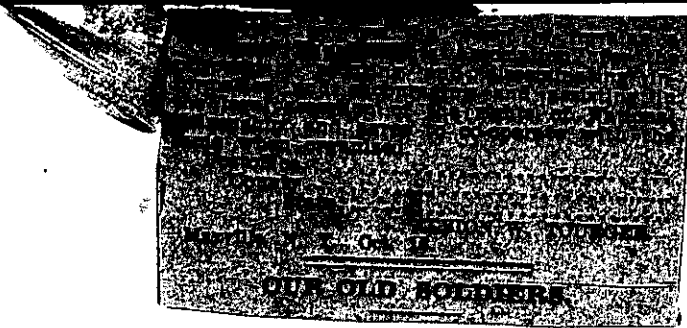


Dear Friend

Because you are a man
who means to do your own thinking & not
depend on some body else to do it for you
I send you a copy of my article which for
the use & benefit of Universal humanity I
wrote at or about the time that Lincoln
the President of the U. S. A. was assassinated
& have been ever since trying to get it before
the people. I find but very few Editors
who dare print it. Three Editors last year
"The Postman" & the "Free Thought Journal" & the
"Investigator" printed it & this year an Editor
of "The National View" printed it & here it is
right before you (You will please examine
it closely till you thoroughly understand its contents
because it means something that man has never
thought of. It is treated with profound silence
loud silence, very loud silence but I see its doing
its work all the same as all Nature works in silence.

(Which we weak creatures can't see & can't understand. Having discovered what the word Justice means I can fore see that Conscience takes possession of all our ideas of Right & Justice hence He master us & forces us into the arena where like gladiators we must fight for them & him too. He is our Master. He keeps the school of experience & we are the meek tools, the tools who attend that particular school & we must do as we are day by day doing until we graduate to a higher school

Please let me hear from you I will not bore you any more at this time about my article. It is the first & last & only article that I ever wrote & sent out for the people to read & I shall never write another. I was born in Vermont Feb 14th 1812 & before the war of the rebellion I had circumnavigated the globe & discovered the nature of mankind and if I could see you I could tell you many things which you never thought of. I am a pensioner confined to the house constantly or I would go & see you. I read a great deal. I read all that you write in the Inter Ocean. I desire to get you interested in my article. Yours Truly John Thomas



Friend Bourgee

Because I am an Old
Soldier & a friend of Universal humanity
You will please set me down as one
of the members of the "Citizens Equal Rights
Association" My address is as follows
John Thomas Madrid St Lawrence Co. N. Y.
By complying with my request you will much
Oblige Your Friend

John Thomas
Madrid N. Y. Oct 27th.