

Confidential

Fort Mifflin Mont.
July 20th 1893

Honorable Allison W. Tourgee
Wayville N. C.

My dear Sir:

It is a little strange that I should write you a confidential letter. I have seen and heard you, and read your letters in the Indian Ocean. I do not want this to get there however. ~~It~~

The case is this: I have written a story which I believe is good; a thoroughly religious story. I have mentioned it to a strong religious paper and they have asked for a synopsis of it as soon as possible, and then they wish

to see my MS. I know I
have something fresh and
taking among church-going
people; and if my story gets
on the market fairly before
it comes to be known that I
am a colored man it will
have a wide sale.

I shall therefore offer it
under an assumed name
and as yet I have trusted
no man with it. The name
of my story is "Through Tribu-
-lations Deep."

If the parties now pur-
-suing to obtain it should throw
it up in consequence of
learning of my "race" as they
are pleased to say, I shall
immediately let you know
and shall call on the
National Citizens Rights Assoc.

-certain to write the facts and please them for all
it may put in the light of the fact. Hence I
am anxious that you should be apprised
beforehand in case it should come about.
My name is already on your list

Very respectfully

Yours

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