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Hon A. M. Tourgee

Dear Sir

As an admirer of
of yours and your manner of dealing with
the condition of the colored race is the
reason of ^{intruding} myself upon your notice I am
but a poor Mechanic and have but lately
come to Oklahoma to try and secure me
a home in my old age I was always a
republican I cast my first vote for
J. C. Fremont and 2nd vote for Abraham
Lincoln and for the republican ticket
since my first vote. I entered the U S service
as a private in Co. G. (Mich Co) of Berdan's
1st Regt U S Sharp. Shooters and ended my
service as Capt of my Co and only 5 of
the original 101 men who enlisted Aug 21st 1861
were present for duty when mustered out
I went into the war as a republican but I
came out strongly imbued with abolition doctrine
which belief has been more thoroughly
impressed upon me after a residence of
16 years in Arkansas and Texas

But this will suffice to explain to you
who and what I am We have here a lot of
colored people who have left the South
with the expectation of bettering their condition
financially and politically. They come
up here with the expectation of finding ^{more friends}
than they had where they came from
and in a certain measure they do, but
they still find a good many here who
are unwilling to accord them their just
rights as citizens and I am sorry to
say that we have here to many whom
I call thin skinned republicans
and the consequence is the colored people feel
sadly sore over the situation and are inclined
to blame the republican party while I
tell them that the party is not to blame for
a few republican ~~political~~ ^{political} buswackers
who do not know the aims of the true
republicans. Now if I understand it aright
you are at the head of an association
to distribute printed matter bearing upon
the present condition of the colored race
and to secure some of these documents for free
distribution is the object of this letter

Respectfully yours

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