

Pine Bluff, ARK. June, 23, 1893.

DEAR JUDGE, Your kind letter came to hand in due time.

Let me thank you with all my heart for your nobleness of heart and GREAT kindness. I can only say that I appreciate your offer and generosity of spirit, and I shall die with a warm spot in my heart for you and the GOOD Christian men and women in the east and west. And I know your advice is cautious, timely and advisable but I sincerely believe that the negro has again to fight his battle for manhood and freedom and for me to leave them here in the south in the house of bondage, looks to me like cowardice and desertion.

YOU must not think me an indiscreet man, for I am not.

This is not the first time I have put down klukluxism in the south.

I lead a band of colored men against John Gordon of Georgia, when he was the grand Sockpuppet of the klu-klux-klan of GA. And no man knows the result better than Gordon himself. A man that will step over the muzzle of a loaded cannon to vote for the candidate of his choice is I think a braver man than such men as John Ingalls, Murat Halstead or Wickliff of Louisiana. I am sick and tired of these outrages upon my people in the south and I know of no better way to stop it than to resent it every time it comes up. The negro is powerless in the UNITED STATES, no more so than the Jew, the Italian, and the Indian. and the yankee when he is in the south.

I have been reading the BYSTANDERS notes since I was a boy and I have absorbed enough freedom therefrom to make me stand up for myself on any occasion. And while GOING away from the south looks to be practical and is practical and commonsense, it is at the same time contemptible and cowardice, on my part. It is a condition to face and not a theory. JOHN BROWN MET IT, with a lot of other heroes, for us and now we must meet it for ourselves. THE shyster policy of the Republican party has encouraged the whites of the south to kill us on the least pretext, and at will. Shall we run to west? If so, meet an INGALLS, shall we go to east? if so we meet a Blaine. Sol has as seen meet a doughface in one part of the country as in another. O my GOD if INGALLS AND Halstead could only

know the terrible influence their writings are having in the south against the negro among the whites they certainly would desist, at once. FOR the whites are claiming that the north too is against the negro as well as the south. I have known the day when the south stood in holy horror of the north, but ere that day has passed. AND these BUTTERNUTS, COPPERHEADS and NEGRO HATERS, have done the work. I cannot see for the life of me what they mean, when they say the negro is a failure, considering that the negro was in hell for 250 years, and only out of hell partially for a quarter of a century. and again think of it we have been loaded down with sin and wroth like John BUNYAN of old. THE white planters of the south have sold their lands to the negroes by renting it to them at from 12 to 8 dollars per acre ever since the war, and keeping the little dead fall stores on the plantations where they have systematically robbed the negroes by double prices year in and year out. Backed up with the ancestral mortgage and many other devices that I cannot here mention, and yet they say we are a failure.

I am sensible of the fact that I may be ever come at any moment, but but I had rather die on the field of battle doing the work of redemption for these people than to live in the north in my case. At the time of my last letter you I thought it best to go to the west or some where else, but on more mature reflection I have JOB like made up my mind to stand and after I have stood then to still stand. When men like FRANKLIN, SEWARD, GRANT SHERMAN, YOURSELF have a stood for us and bared their breasts to the baquet, we should be willing to do a good deal. THEY have not said a word to the public as yet and they probably will not say a word. They wait their opportunity. You rest assured I shall be careful and discreet. and will keep you posted as to my movements.

I AM WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT YOUR OBBEDIENT SERVANT

They the better class of whites, say damn there now that this Negro killing must stop and stop at once. Altho Judge Bunn who will be nominated to do by the Democratic convention is himself a Negro killer and more than a dozen Negroes have been killed and lynched in his town, Camden and in the County where he lives - Same Co. where they attempted to outrage me - Ouachita, Co. I am yours truly A. M. M.