

2454 State St. Chicago, Ill.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee:—

Honored Friend,—

"Friend" because of your unceasing efforts for mankind.

It is proposed by a company now being organized to publish in this city an excellent illustrated news paper for the colored people of the U. S. The paper will be a tri-weekly which will surpass anything ever attempted by the race and, it is thought, compare favorably with some of the best white journals of its class. We propose to invest not less than \$5000 in the plant, to call to us the very best brain in Negro journalism and thus make a field for Negro genius & marshal the contending clans of the race.

We feel that this is Gods work & ought to be done; but some of the company seem to fear for the financial success of the plan, while others of us feel that, properly managed, it cannot fail of a splendid financial success.

We respectfully ask your opinion on this point and the whole & with heart felt thanks for your noble work in our behalf, hope for an early reply. Respectfully yours, J. G. Matthews, (Secretary)