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Judge A. W. Tougee: I have tried to write you ever since I came home but the outlook for the pamphlet seemed so discouraging, I hadn't the heart to do so. I think I see the way clear, by personal appeal to raise \$500 of the money. This will nearly publish the pamphlet in the English edition of 20,000 copies and electrotype the plates. I find also that some of my writers have disappointed me, both as to delay in forwarding the matter and some in not preparing the work at all. I should have sent it to you before this for editing, had it

been placed in my hands. I find that a chapter on reconstruction as it affected the Negro, the laws passed by southern states against intermarriage, separate car laws, the operations of the Ku-Klux Klan, White Livers etc ^{is needed} to nullify the Negro's vote. You are more likely than any one I know to have the statistics on the subject, and I write this to earnestly request you to give me a chapter of not over 15 pages of printed matter on the subject. The English people do not understand how state governments can thus nullify the National constitution and regarding the right to vote. It is very necessary that this be made clear and I know no one with the data and the ability and the zeal for the pamphlet, all rolled in one who could help me. I

would like to have this by July 15 if you could possibly help me. If you will do it, I will pay you myself whatever it costs, provided you can wait on me long enough for the money. An early answer is urgently requested.

Respectfully yours
Ida B. Wells

P.S. I understood that you did not wish to appear in this matter is why no reference has been made to you. I send by this mail a copy of Rev. Joseph Cook's "Our Day" which has a copy of my address. The point I wish to accentuate is to beg your pardon for the unintentional appropriation of your language in the closing paragraph. The young lady who copied it for me neglected to put in quotation marks where I now insert them. Yours

I.B.W.