

378 Wisconsin Ave,  
Oak Park, Ill.,  
July 25, 1893.

Mr. Hon. Albion W. Tourjee,  
Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Sir;

Your reference to Mr. Tourjee's grandmothers must be my apology for again and so soon trespassing upon your time. The my kind letter came just after I had mailed the one enclosing the small check.

All of my ancestors, on my father's side, came from Connecticut. Harro, I believe, was the point from which my grandfather, Simon Powley came into N. Y. State. Prof. Purry of Williamstown, Mass., with whom I became very well acquainted during my residence eight years in North Adams, Mass., told me that in looking up his own family history he learned that the first manufacturing was done in this country was at the town of Powley in Essex County, Mass. I confess that I never was much interested in "suds genealogis", though

on my wife's part there is no little of that desire  
to preserve the family story. From a little son,  
Henry Comond, who on his mother's side is claimed  
to be a lineal descendant of Thackeray's Henry  
Comond. At Great Barrington, Mass. there is a  
"Squire" James H. Rowley who knows more a-  
bout the Rowleys than any man I ever met.  
He has followed them back into the shadow-  
y past for many years. Three years ago in  
England I was invited to meet an episcopal  
Dean at his home to learn something of the  
family as our names were the same. Should I  
ever learn anything to the credit of the name  
I shall be happy to communicate it to Mrs. Tom-  
lin. I am reminded of a skilful attempt of a certain  
gentleman to win a lady from embarrassment. He was  
introduced to her by some stupid fellow who remarked  
that one of her ancestors had been hanged, the gentleman  
replied that he had no doubt that some of his an-  
cestors ought to have been hanged.

Ever more expressing my deep interest in the work  
to which you are devoting so much of your time  
and thought. I am

I should have said that I  
was unable to accept the ex-  
hibition's invitation. Thank you  
very much for the reference to  
Sikaloory.

Yours most respectfully,  
Francis H. Rowley