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 Hon A. W. Tourger  
 Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir

As one who believes in the brotherhood of man "that He hath created of one blood all the nations of earth" I sincerely thank you for the sturdy blows you have dealt & are continuing to deal in behalf of those who cannot protect themselves. In a recent article the By-stander alluded to a law providing for the assessment of damages to the families of lynched persons upon the counties where such lynchings occur. It would be a grand thing for the Congress of the United States to pass such a law. Though of course we cannot expect it until the South ceases to bear rule.

Allow me to call your attention to a scrap of history. Early in the war the rebels found great fun in burning bridges on the railroads in Mo. Of course no rebel force was ever found when the Union troops scoured the neighborhood after such an occurrence. But one day in '62 a man named John Pope was sent over to St. Louis on Gov't business & he issued an order setting forth that in future when any such accident happened the loss & damage would be assessed upon the rebel sympathizers in

that vicinity Immediately those things ceased to happen

The same result would follow the passage of such a law as you mention providing the administration was known to be in favor of Equal Rights

I hope Judge that you will keep on in the way you are going & that many will be led to hold up your hands

Don't forget these words which you have read somewhere in an old book "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these ye did it unto Me" Oh that reward will be past comprehension

May God strengthen you & prolong your life to lead the agitation for the passage of such laws as will best render true the proud boast that this is the land of the free

I enclose one dollar for the fund for the prosecution of the murderers of Searj J. Miller. If anything is done in that matter use it as you think best in the interest of equal rights

Respectfully Yours

R. H. Hazard

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