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Albion W. Tourgee, Esq.,  
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Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your favor of August 7th, and regret to say that the plan of our work will not permit to allow for an article on either "Prince Henry the Navigator" or on "Vasco da Gama" of more than 3000 words. Besides that, it is entirely beyond my power to pay the \$250.00 demanded by you, much as I should like to have the book contain an article from your pen. If you can reconcile your interests with the price of \$100.00 for 3000 words, amount payable immediately on receipt of manuscript, I should be only too pleased to have your collaboration for the work in question. As we have been fortunate enough to secure the most prominent writers both here and in England, I would, of course, feel sorry not to have your name on the list of contributors.

I think that the people as a whole would much prefer to find an article on "Vasco da Gama" in the book, to one on "Prince Henry", and as we have not space for both, my preference would be for the former, although, of course, I would not insist upon it.

Respectfully yours,

*Selmar Hess*

I will send the article on  
Busco de Chammas, to my  
Agent, Ford's Howard & Hubert  
who will transmit the same to you  
who ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>are</sup> authorized  
~~to~~ <sup>use</sup> the money of your invention  
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Fortunately I have the matter in  
hand as I have counterchecked

A more extended ~~article~~  
of work on Prince Henry.

Yours

Alb. T.