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New Orleans, La.

Hon. Albion W. Targue,
Mayville, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letters were duly
read. On the 1st day of January, the current year
I sent you the money you had just returned. My in-
tention then was to remit a certain sum monthly
in purchase of stock in fact put all ^{spare} ~~of~~ ^{into} it. Some days thereafter my wife was
confined and is still in bed as a result
of her accouchment suffering from womb troubles.
The attending physician has just left her bedside
giving no encouragement as to convalescence, though
I am glad to say our little daughter lives and is
doing well. As a matter of course our expenses
have increased and are accumulating.

Poor child! sharing with her husband
the burden of solicitude as we noted signs of failure
of publication The National Citizen though nobly
strive for on your part, ever and anon we would
listen for the postman's ring fondly hoping
our ideal journal would come back from

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the heart of our truest and dearest earthly
advocates; but hope gave place to despair
and despair to chagrin and humiliation
as we further noticed the attitude of our
leaders — God save the mark and men
of means and influence. Some of them
writing to me in reply to letters sent them
gave the most possible excuses for
their conduct. Among them editors of race
papers declaring in the main: "That they
had not been consulted or invited to cooperate"
with you, and "our columns are open to any contribution
you may be pleased to make in regard to the
matter," etc., etc. When I with you detailing
a conversation between my brother and myself
in which we discussed the chances of the D.C.
appearing in the field of journalism,
we both agreed that "Judge Tourgee has but
to announce that he is willing to take charge
of and edit such a paper and thousands
of colored men and women of America, inspired
by our leaders, will rally to his support in
sums ranging from \$100 to \$1,000." The correctness
of this surmise is evidenced by your subsequent
trial and result. However, I believe that "All things
work together for good," etc. We can never be too grate-

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ful for the kindness of our Buffalo friends
in coming to our aid in this great emergency.

May God bless them in every way in aid
will be the prayer of millions for generations
to come.

I should still like to
be recognized as a solicitor for subscrib-
ers, and will start anew should the
National Citizen become a fact.

The Allegany Republican
containing your letter has been used,

many thanks. We have in said letter a
forecast of what the National Citizen
will be, and the sublime cause it will espouse.

I leave here shortly for San Francisco,
Calif.

Very Truly Yours,

Thos. R. Griffin.

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