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Hon A. H. Tourgee,
Mayville N.Y.

My dear Judge Tourgee
my good friend Mr Eldon W. Anderson
a very capable young man of my
race who is at present chief
clerk of the Treasurers office at
Albany has written me to say that
he recently took the liberty to
address you a letter though personally
unknown to you in respect of a
matter of vital importance to the
Negroes of the Empire State. I can
vouch for Mr Anderson who is my
personal friend as a young man
entirely worthy of confidence and
loyally devoted to the interests of
our persecuted race. I shall be
grateful to you my dear Sir, if
you can aid him in the matter
of which his letter treats.

He wants a cast iron double
riveted, and copper lined
amendment which I think he
has influence enough to have
incorporated in the Constitution.

of the state when the Constitutional
Convention shall assemble
As he is not a lawyer, and
as you are one of acknowledged
ability who is interested in
the great question of human
rights more deeply and
more sincerely as your acts
have shown than any other
man of your race, he felt
that it would not be inapprop-
iate for him to request you to
aid him to this extent and I
join most heartily with him
in the request for the exercise
of your good offices in this
behalf. You will remember
me as the young man whom
you met in the Reverse House
in Boston many years ago for
whom you wrote in ~~the~~ his
autograph album the
sentiment "make the Gulliver book
the sceptre of national honor"
God bless you Sir ^{Yours sincerely}
J. Bruce