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My Dear Judge Tourgee,  
Mayville, N. Y.

I noticed your letter declining to accept a nomination from the Republicans, for Congress. The reasons you assign are most excellent and place you squarely in line as a "Calamity Howler". You may expect abuse from this on, from those for whom you have done many a valuable service. The spirit of avarice has taken possession of the leaders of both the old parties and they will resort to any and every means necessary to carry out their schemes of plunder.

I am a native of Warren County, Pa. My Father was a Whig. I helped to organize and build up the Republican party, and voted for its candidates until I had voted for Gen'l. Grant the second time. After the panic of 1873 I began to study for myself, and very soon found the Republican party guilty of all you now charge it with. I am glad you have come to a knowledge of the truth, if it has taken you 20 years to do so. I heartily agree with your closing remark that "The American people will attain those ends whether the Republican party makes itself the instrument of their purpose or not."

I have no faith that reforms can be wrought through old party organizations and consequently am training with the "American People". I send you a copy of "Vox Populi". If you are disposed to employ your pen in the lines marked out by this number, you will find a ready market for the strongest and boldest articles you can contribute.

Yours very truly,

