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Hon. Albion W. Tourger

Maysville  
N.J.

Dear Sir:

I inclose a clipping from the Detroit Free Press addressed to the Negro voters of Michigan. The writer is a reader of the July Ocean and uses some remarks of the bystander as ammunition to load his rusty worn-out Democratic shooting iron.

Perhaps amblinded by the glare of the Republican party's past; but knowing as well as I do that it has failed in doing its whole duty to the negro, yet I cannot see how they are to gain by going over into the camp of their former masters (south) and former haters (north). To me, what he says sounds like fool's talk and I think he mistakes you

your meaning in the citation.  
If in your judgment it is wise, will you not  
make it plain to him what is gained or lost  
by the negroes voting the Democratic ticket.  
I feel that the G. O. P. has been made the  
tool of such men as James S. Plains. I have  
voided the ticket under protest many  
times - How gladly I would work for a man like  
Robert Lincoln. And now our work personal.  
I had rather speak kind words to the living  
than to praise the dead <sup>and</sup> although unknown  
to you I want to tell you how much I admire  
you. Yours is a household name with us. Each  
member of my family quote Judge Tourgee. We went  
with you on your "Fool's Errand" and staid  
right by through the list taking "Hot Cow shares"  
in Our Continent. Then too, the By Stander has the  
ear of a our family each week and we think  
Diva was at least a cousin of yours.  
Long may you live to point out the way  
and urge men to do right regardless of their

of the American God - money

July four

J. D. Popleton.