STATE OF IOWA.
EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
DES MOINES.

Sept 5th - 1894.

Hon A. W. Tourgee
Mayville. N.Y.

Dear Sir;

At the request of some of the leading colored men of Des Moines I write to you to know if it will be possible for you to be present at their celebration of Emancipation Day. This is a state celebration and will be attended by colored people from twenty different cities. Owing to the very great esteem in which you are held as the one who has done more than anyone else to keep the question of equal rights before the people, and to keep alive the indignation of the North against all forms of slavery whether legalized ~~or~~ or maintained by unlawful force, the Colored people of Iowa

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and their sympathizers are very anxious to have you speak to them at this state celebration. I do believe that you would do much good here and I know that will be the greatest factor in deciding ~~yours~~ you as to whether or not you will be able to come. I have taken the liberty of writing to you as I am thoroughly interested in the great work which you have done, for I come from abolition stock and yours has for many years been a household name at my home.

Hoping that you will be able to take the time from your other work to make a visit to your Iowa followers

I am Very Sincerely yours
F. H. Meyers