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Hon Albion Tourgee.

Ded Sir

You will please pardon this intrusion being an entire Stranger to you but Knowing you to be a staunch friend of the Negro race and having read so much of you and from you prompts me to take the liberty to address you. Bricks without Straw and other works and Writings of yours convinces one that you desire to place the Negro in a proper light before the world. Now what I would like from you Excuse my bluntness is.

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a Drama. Touching the condition of the negro of the past and present and containing scenes from some of those brutal and inhuman acts practised in the southern country. Having in mind the effect of the publication and the dramatizing of Uncle Toms Cabin did much to bring about the change condition of the Negro from that of a slave to a freeman still his condition is bad enough now God knows. and I think that a well written drama such as you are capable of writing would do much to bring about even a greater change for in my mind the condition of my people are worst than being slaves. After having freedom given us and being flatered as to its good results only to find ourselves growing to be despised more and more is not a pleasant thought to say the least.

Hoping to hear from you soon as convenient

I Remain Yours
Mostly Respectfully
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