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

Your late articles
in the Inter Ocean, on
"The Theoretical Free Trader"
have given me so much
pleasure that letting the
risk of seeming impertinent
I venture to write to
you - I am a very old
man and have belonged
to the three great parties -
Federalist - Whig, & Republican
and

2 I have always believed in protection for Americ can industry - I have read much upon both sides of this question, but I have never before met with your last argument viz that Protection is a safeguard for the weak against the strong -
This disposes of the theory which makes so many worthy people Free-traders -
That Free trade is in the interest of humanity and high civilization -
I have read some

3 of your books and I think all your articles in the Inter ocean "The Bye Standers notes" - and appreciate your bold and independant course on economic, social and political subjects - and I wish that you would write a book on the so-called science of Political Economy - most of the literature on the subject being furnished by free traders -
In my opinion, it is not a science - there being nothing fixed

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or certain, in it — as it
varies with the conditions
of varying circumstances —

Parting eyesight
prevents me from writing
any legibly, and I will
therefore spare you any
more of my remarks

very respectfully
yours

Sam'l C. Clarke

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