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Judge Tourgee

Dear Sir

Your circular 'announcement' of the "Basis" is at hand, but I have been unable to come to any settled conclusion as to its being advisable for me to give my aid and influence, however small they may be, to such a project.

Never was I so perplexed as to conditions and non-plused as to men. and the party I have honored and supported. Perhaps I ought to say that nothing has astounded or hurt me more than the fact of your favoring such a compromise with the devil, shall I say of wicked prejudice, where most hateful, as to "parties" as most so in so-called Christian religions of all religions or faiths.

As it is "not lawful" to do evil "to pro

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-mote God's cause, in any aspect of it, ~~by any resort to or compromise with~~ ~~it~~ I cannot follow any denomination, party or leader who lowers or favors lowering the glorious banner of God's truth and exact justice to all men, in general, but especially to all our own citizens and most so as to such in our own party.

I have repeatedly affirmed that if the people who hate & despise the Negroes and others like them and for similar reasons are or were going to be in heaven itself, with such a disposition towards any others so causelessly and abominably I would not voluntarily go to or stay in heaven; as to be with such people would be a hell to me.

I might, religiously, perhaps find an earthly home with the "Old" Baptists but for the same monstrous thing, along with some of even their ecclesiasticism.

Your circular says nothing as to what course the "Basis" will take politically. Because of the abominable "southern-izing," or so the popularizing of the Republican party I am in doubt of my own ability to support it though I know not where else to turn, only to turn away from supporting, aiding evil, in chief things, I cannot feel free to commit myself to a positive course either for or against my old party love nor for the starting of such a periodical until I know whether it is to be the organ of any party or man or be truly independent and inflexibly in favor of exact justice to all men & citizens & opposed to any & all compromises with the opposites.

It becomes ever plainer, to me, that it is not so much instruction that is needed, on justice and citizenship, as it is for the fear of God and the love of

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justice and true republican govern-
-ment. The men or people of this
Country know as well as do any
on earth what is right, or better;
but like others, they harden their
hearts and boldly refuse to give
to others, to the weak, what they
have and claim for themselves.
Nothing is more desirable to me
than to aid to utmost every move
-ment that is in line with God's
Truth and that Justice of his which
is without respect of persons and
my attitude as to the "Basis" will be
according to its own course for is likely
to be. Regretting not to be able to
do differently at present I am
Yours for justice
Thomas Green

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