582 Toledano St.,
New Orleans, La.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

It is too bad that the National Citizen should be supplanted by the "Basis," but it is no more than we deserve. I have never recovered from the effects of our common disappointment. Chagrin and mortification set in from the day of your announcement that it would not be published.

My friends in California, Texas and Louisiana have constantly plied me with the ever recurring question: "What has become of the National Citizen"? To which with deathless faith I would answer, "It will come, it will surely come. An inscrutable Providence thus rebukes our envious leaders and a mercenary people in withholding a blessing which our meanness or ignorance or both would not permit us to appreciate. My brother has given me the only notice I have received of your

intention to start another paper. In the event of Mr. Reed's nomination and election (God grant it, is the prayer of a countless number) he surely cannot do less than call his staunch friend, an intense patriot, a pure minded lover of God and Humanity to the Cabinet or the Supreme Bench, a vacancy occurring in the latter department, for I take it, Sir, that Mr. Reed is not oblivious to the fact of your devoted adherence and splendid advocacy of the great ethic and political principles of which he is our leading representative, and he must know that you can bring to any position virtue, ability and honor, and that the white and colored people representing that class known as the National Citizens' Rights Association and many others would be unspeakably grateful for such recognition.

It is yet early for calculations, but at the proper time, opportunity presenting, the request or demand, as you please, will be made should pressure be required. Please apply the enclosed sum on one year's subscription and believe me to be as ever your devoted friend and servant. Thos. R. Griffin.

San Francisco, Calif. 3-29-'95.

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