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Hon. A. N. Fourgee
Mayville, N.Y.
Dear Sir

I am desirous of becoming a Journalist and having made all kinds of efforts to secure even the most humble position on a first class paper where I might have a chance of learning, in ace & which I have failed, I have determined to address this letter to you before finally giving up the chase. I have written articles, most of which have been cheerfully printed, and have had some experience of in collecting news - all for good dailies, but have found the way blocked whenever I have endeavored to become permanently attached, and it was found that I am not of the white race. I have been discouraged, and, indeed, I have learned to expect nothing else, but I feel sure that in this case, I will not be turned away solely on account of

my color, and that you, who have advised me, in common with the people of the U.S. so often, will proffer some personal advice, and probably, if you can not make my services available, may be able to put me in communication with some one who may be disposed to give me a chance. I graduated from this College department with the class of '94 and have spent one year in the law department. During my last two years in College I organized and own a publication, issued quarterly, devoted to the general interest of the colored colleges and academies.

Besides referring you to the fact that I have been employed continuously, as clerk in the University Office since my arrival here from New York in '88, I can furnish specific references as to character and capabilities. I am a Stenographer & Typewriter. Of course, if I can not get employment of the kind I seek, I shall pursue my study of law, either here or in an attorney's office if such place can be obtained.

Very respectfully
Geo. W. Mitchell

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