2807 West Walnut St.
Louisville Ky.
July 2[illegible] [illegible]

Judge Tourgee
My Dear Friend:—

Yours of the 26" inst is at hand, and glad to hear from you. and sincerely hope that the future of the Basis is now assured. however. I presume that you are not yet justified in undertaking the publishing of it.

I appreciate your suggestions and wish it was so that I could assist in the way mentioned, but I prefer to use the club on the heads of Northern traitors and deceivers, with the hope of checking their scheme, by exposure, but as you [illegible] mentioned, the tide is against us.

I will send you "the Berea Quarterly" which lets the secret out very boldly, and which we attack in part. Our matter will make a pamphlet fully as large as this Quarterly 35 or 40 pages — in order to state the situation fully. I could not expect you to do more than review the situation—

and put the seal of your condemnation upon the outrage, which you clearly comprehend, without hearing our statement of facts; but after having the facts you will feel more at liberty to make public property of them.

For myself - I must tell you that my days are numbered in Ky... only so long as it will take to get out this pamphlet and flee the North & East with it. It will not pay me to waste my strength & time in a losing fight for an unappreciative and envious people.

This business always cost, and my nature being such that I can't put my hand & then blower and turn back - consequently I generally have to pay the fiddler. The Jacksons were trustees and entered a compromise, as usual, which defeated us - that is the worst feature of this "Negro question." Pres. Frost is a disappointed politician - unbalanced - but shrewd - ran for Lieutenant Governor on Prohibition ticket in Ohio. He is ambitious and unscrupulous - but backed by Oberlin & the Congregational Church for denominational purposes, even at the sacrifice of the Colored people & principle - Frost will turn the opportunity to selfish ambition. Sincerely &c J. T. Robinson

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P.S.

It may be well to add that Dr Pearsons of Chicago promised $50,000 on condition that the College raise $150,000. - he formally made the same offer in Dr Stuarts time if they raised $200,000, but came down. Of course claims the credit of this and will make great effort to raise it, however, he thinks by making the "mountain whites" the basis of his appeal that he will succeed better than "Equality for the Colored," but he depends upon the "brotherhood" plea in certain localities. It is a fact that Frost has increased the debt now $25,000 and the Trustees would have dropped him but for the hope of getting money, Now we propose to choke him off and tie up the college until it throws him up; also, make it known that the $50,000 was given to the "Colored people & mountain whites" & request all donations be made on that condition, so as to kill off the Frost crusade or "Southern Problem" &c. We can at least stop the imposition upon honest people in the North. S.S.P.

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