Personal letter

Dec 9, 1893

Judge Tourgee
Mayville N.Y.

My dear friend —

It was my purpose to come talk with you but must rely upon this method in confidence.

I hope the Basis was not changed because of need of funds. I did not write you as fully as I desired in my last, however, if you understood the situation fully, perhaps you can turn it to our mutual benefit. I am now

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ready to act and have given myself until Spring to find my work, and want to tell if there is any way I can be of service to our cause, with benefit to all concerned.

The course you advised me that I should elect in life, is the one I entered upon years ago, and expect to pursue, if possible, but lest that fact would render me an embarrassment instead of a service, is the doubt in my mind which caused me to hesitate about giving you

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the particulars & what I am prepared to undertake.

As it was necessary for you to do most of the office work etc, of the Basis, at your home, and no need of other help, at the time I saw nothing I could do in that direction while risking in that enterprise the means I depend on for going into business.

I have a few hundred dollars of my own, for that purpose and the use of five or six thousand belonging to an other, which I would only use in good securities.

If the public appreciates your service it should pay

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pay for it— but it is to your interest to give it the opportunity and that you are doing at the risk of life. It is of great importance to you that the Basis be kept to the front through the next campaign anyhow, and I hope its future is assured; But if the requirements do not justify an enlargement etc, of the Basis, and you see any way you can assist me in business plans, in view of all the circumstances, I want you to feel at free to speak as you would to your own. You understand the situation and see why I preferred a quiet

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life, when I asked you about office work in the East. I thought I might get a footing and have a fairer chance in a real estate and insurance office, in a good city and work in, though a good farm may be a safer investment, providing it were in a community of the right sentiment. Some work - even on half pay, for a time - would be the best thing (if possible) until next to drive stakes. You know that my situation is a difficult one, and if it be - cause I value your principles and friendship that I confide my interest to your sound

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judgment & advice. The evidence I have of your sympathy, and my deep appreciation of it, causes me to hesitate before putting myself out of reach of its benefits to me, if it is possible for me to be settled in business so as to be of service to valued friends, and their interests.

I have given you the situation. Please give it your thought and influence and tell me soon.

How would Buffalo suit my condition etc? and can you speak as well of that section as you did of yours? As I am on the move will ask you to send your reply in care of my friend J. F. Gregg, Genoa, Ottawa Co, Ohio Box 25. — May God give you His wisdom to advise.

Sincerely yours J. T. Robinson +

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