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

My dear Judge —

Enclosed please to find certified check for $100.00 which the Citizens' Committee voted in compliance with ~~[illegible]~~ request ~~to you~~ in your letter to me in Plessy case, and which I have been carrying in my pocket for ten days, hoping to find a few minutes spare time to write you at the same time of mailing it; but the few minutes have not come to me & I send it, not to keep it longer. Would have written Sunday, but was ill. Must get out of this work, else it will kill me. I have so much ~~that~~ I would want

Committee sends this amount though they hardly have enough to defray expenses when we go to Washington [illegible]

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write you & yet I hardly know whether I should. What disappointments! How unworthy these people! Is it worth while to fight for them? What corruption! venality! How the best even disappoint you! Well, they have given to anybody who will pay for it the State — a Reed State — and this by Reed's friends too — or alleged friends. Well, we are running a fusion ticket here. It will be elected if we can get the count in spite of Republican treachery. I believe we will defeat the suffrage amendment — hardly believe they will be able to count it in — but if the Present Governor is reelected, the probability is a constitutional convention & a new constitution adopted after the Mississippi & South Carolina method. Don't you think it better to have the Plessy case fixed for November after the election instead of October, if possible. If Reed were the Rep. nominee & elected by a large majority men's minds on questions of rights might be changed. Yours truly

L. A. Martinet

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