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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

April 8th, 1896

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

My dear Judge:-

In every copy of my paper for many weeks you will find the Anti-Lynching Bill. I will endeavor to secure and send you an additional House copy. Monday before leaving home I instructed my clerk to mail you a copy of the paper and to mark the bill so as to indicate the line eliminated by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill was on the Senate Calendar for to-day but has not been reached. Prospects for its passage are good, and I do not think there will be any hesitancy on the part of the House when it comes to concurring in the amendment. They do not vote on the bill but simply on the amendment. There was no way to avoid amending the bill as suggested

in the Committee without unnecessarily jeopardizing its passage in the Senate. Senator Garfield was on the Judiciary Committee and seconded Senator Herren's motion to so amend. I talked to Gov. Jones to-day and he did not indicate any interest whatever in the passage of the bill. I will put the matter to him in a clear and stronger light to-morrow as far as assistance is concerned.

Rest assured that I will leave no "stone unturned" to secure its complete enactment into law.

Very truly yours,

N. C. Smith