Rocky Mt NC
Nov 9th 76

Hon Albion W. Tourgee
Mayville N.Y.

My Dear Sir.

Pardon my assumption on your valuable time, but assist me so much as to do a cause for a depressed race, for which you are so much noted, I have the honor to know you since 1874 & 75 when you were in Franklin County. I was a mere Lad boy when you came to Franklinton once to argue a Case before his Honor Samuel. W. Watts & did Quashing some Election Frauds perpetrated in Henderson NC. I have just been Elected a state Senator from Edgecombe County at the recent Election and am a Colored man and desire to ex cuse start a new Era in

The Law making body of
North Carolina, toward the
Reformatory needed that are in Progress
in other more friendly states
to the negro. I want- your Magazin
mailed to me Regularly & also
want a Number Bill drawn
for the Supression of Lynching
such as the are in Vogue in this
also one for the Establishment of
a Reformatory for young
Criminals if any charge
for Said service address
me at once and at your
Leisure please mail me these
two Bills also your Magazines
by so doing oblige
Yours Truly

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