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Personal.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1896.

My Dear Judge Tourgee:—

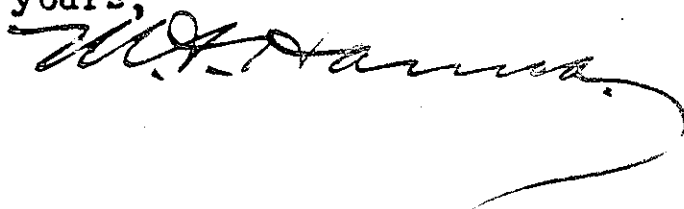
Attention to private business which was necessarily neglected during the campaign, and absence from home, as well as a great accumulation of mail since the election, will, I trust be ample apology for the delay in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of recent date.

I am at a loss as to what I should say in reply to your suggestion concerning the Consulship at Manchester, England. My profound respect for you, and high appreciation of your ability and character, incline me to look with favor upon your application, but this Committee, representing as it does the entire Republican party, ought not, it seems to me, recommend, oppose or in any manner attempt to control the selection of any proper person seeking appointment. With this view, I have in all cases declined, both in my capacity as Chairman, and personally, to give my endorsement to any one.

However, I would not discourage you from making your case as strong as possible before the Department, and will be glad to talk with you on the subject when it is convenient to both of us.

With great esteem,

Truly yours,



Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

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