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House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

January 24th, 1897.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Judge:

Your letter of the 22nd is received. I have refused all committals to friends outside of Iowa until our Delegation, after inauguration, determines what positions it will ask for in behalf of citizens of our own state. If, after this action, I find myself in a position where I can endorse you I assure you it will be one of my greatest pleasures to do it.

Very Truly Yours

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to William H. Furness, written over the typed name.