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House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C. January 28th, 1897.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Judge:—

I have your letter of the 22nd. instant and take pleasure in enclosing, as requested, my indorsement of you for appointment as Counsel at Manchester, England.

I am exceedingly sorry that I did not have the pleasure of meeting you personally when you were in Maryland during the last campaign, when you aided us so effectually with your speeches. I feel, however, that I know you, having made your acquaintance during the year 1879, when your book "A Fool's Errand" appeared, and which I read on a railroad train and was so much impressed with it that I took it home with me and gave it to my friends to read as a most remarkable book.

Since then I have known you as one of the prominent writers of the country and wish to thank you personally for the pleasure and instruction obtained from your books.

With my best wishes for your success in your first venture for political preferment, I remain

Sincerely yours,

