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Department of the Interior,
Washington.

March 18, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of recent date in regard to appointment as consul to Glasgow, asking my endorsement of your application. I regret that I do not feel warranted in complying with your request owing to the comity existing between Cabinet officers which precludes interference with appointments in other Departments. I will, however, forward your communication to the Secretary of State and trust that he may find it possible to comply with your wishes.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Hitchcock