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War Department,  
Office of the Secretary,  
Washington.

March 30, 1897.

My dear Judge:

I ought to have answered your letter of the 20th before now, but the truth is I am so buried in work that I have no time to attend to anything outside of my office. The rush of office seekers here seems to be unparalleled, and I do not believe that the minor places are going to be given out - except in rare instances - for some time. The truth is, the President is simply overworked by the constant stream of callers that leave him no rest. I believe that later on if you were to come here we could arrange something that would be satisfactory to you, but would not now incur the risk, expense and trouble for what I fear would be a very unsatisfactory visit. I have you constantly

in mind, and shall at any and every time possible render you any service I can.

Sincerely yours,



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