224 - 53d St.
Hyde Park
Chicago.
May 11, 1897.

Hon. A. H. Younger,
Dear Sir:

Your very kind letter of March 27th remains unanswered as in it you say you are hard at work in writing a book. I did not want to trespass on your time then and will not now - except very briefly.

First let me congratulate you on your nomination as

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as U. S. Consul at Bordeaux.
I suppose you have asked for this and if you have received what you wanted I am very glad, I admire you very much — although we differ so radically on the most commanding economic and moral questions of the age.
I want to see our silver dollar restored by our nation at its present weight as a full legal tender under our flag as it existed from 1792 to June 22, 1874. You want it to be a partial legal tender. I do not care for "free coinage" as I prefer that the government should buy all metal for coinage — just as it buys all bunting for flags. When made emblems of nationality — I say shoot the man who hauls down the flag in contempt and as to our coins — let he who appeals to the laws to help him collect his debts abide by the laws.
In regard to your statistics of the world's increased output of gold & silver since 1848 I have given that a great deal of study and arrive at this conclusion. Business has increased more rapidly and the world needs all the gold & silver in sight and needs to get rid of so much dependence on paper money — either national or

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private, "Bank wind" is one of
of the curses of modern life.
Money — not promises of money
is our great need. In your
letter to me & in your letter to
the Inter-Ocean of April 3rd — you
refer to 1867 as the date of
the commencement of the de-
cline of silver. This may be
a mental slip — but why
not stand by 1872-73?
That is the date when the
war commenced. Study that
mint report table of 1895 — pg. 239
some day when you are at leisure.
I sent you my book "Our Silver
Coinage" in the heat of the
late campaign. You may not
have read it & perhaps have
lost it. If you would like to
have an other copy — one line from
you will bring you one by the
next mail. I want to make

a remark — which is — that
we have had no real money
under our flag excepting gold
since June 22. 1874.
All other money has been
tainted in some way
by statute law as full
legal tender excepting
gold. All our legislation
since then in favor of
silver has been faulty.
Remember this prediction
I make here. There is no
possible hope of prosperity
being decently restored to
this nation — unless we
get silver restored as a
full legal tender. I do
not ask for free coinage.
I am an ardent protectionist
and protective tariff will do
us some good — but will not cure.

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I sent a copy of my book to Gen. Porter before he left for Paris & I hope you may have room in your trunk for one also as all I ask is a more careful examination of the question.

As an engineer I may be a more precise thinker on "units" of measurement than you are as a Judge,

I am awfully prosaic — you are poetical,

Should I not hear from you — be assured that my best wishes will go with you. In France this silver question will be discussed considerably, I want to see you nearer right.

Yours most sincerely,
John T. Grier.

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