*5130 Chestnut St.
New Orleans, La.
May 12-97.

[redacted]

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

My dear Sir:—

I was glad to hear of your appointment as U.S. Consul at Bordeaux, France, but am very much disappointed that your great worth and fine abilities are not more fittingly recognized in an appointment of the first class. Nothing less than a position on the Supreme Bench of the United States, a cabinet officer or an Embassy will satisfy members of the Grand Army, the A.M.E. church and the surviving old Abolitionists and other friends, who are legion. To this end I have addressed myself to many of our leaders, including Mr. Reed and members of my church and still yet hope for the consummation of our dearest wish. I would esteem it a happy privilege for myself or boy, an eighth grade scholar nearly 15 to be near your person as a servant in any capacity

at nominal wages while you are aboard.

Hoping that you and yours are all well and for your success to the end I am, honored Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

T. R. Griffin

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY