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West Unity, O., *May 17th* 1897

Judge A. W. Tourgee
Mayville N. Y.
Dear Sir

Although an entire stranger to you, I make bold to address you on a matter in which I very much desire to enlist your interest, for the following reasons, and they are the only ones I can produce for thus intruding on your valuable time. I have noticed that your eminent services to the cause of sound money and Protection connected with your qualifications as a Jurist have caused the position of U.S. Consul to Bordeaux to be offered to you. I also ascertained that you are of Huguenot descent, and born in Ohio. Those three occurrences encourage me to make you a request, because, going to France you might be interested in me a Frenchman by birth, a Huguenot myself an American by choice, born so in Ohio and a staunch republican in or out of office. Judge, I know that you have little time to devote to any chance correspondent who happen to write to you, for you are undoubtedly very busy but I do desire to obtain a good word from you in my favor to the Fourth Assistant Post Master General or to our Senator



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Mr. J. B. Foraker so as to help me secure the P. Office of this place. For the last two years I have represented our township in the County Republican Committee. I have been a faithful worker for the party and have the esteem of my fellow citizens Democrats & Republicans. I am actually Town & Township Treasurer, I have been Councilman ten years, member of the board of Education & its Treasurer six years; but I am poor and work as clerk in a hardware at a small salary. If I obtain the Post Office appointment it means doubling of my salary & you can readily see that with the care of raising and educating a large family and the possibility of saving a little for a rainy day in case I succeed I have adopted this plan of making an appeal to you for your help feeling sure that a word from you in my behalf would be far more weighty than all the County recommends that I could produce.

Hoping that your sojourn in the land of my Ancestors as well as mine until I was nineteen years old may be both pleasant and profitable I am ever yours Respectfully

Paul H. Coulson