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Hon Albion W Tourgee
Mayville N.Y.

Dear Judge

Your favor enclosing letter to the President just at hand. The only criticism on the letter that I can suggest is that the praise seems to be out of proportion to the merits of the man praised. However, if you can stand it I can. The letter is admirable and I sincerely thank you. I enclose it for you to send direct to the President. I can think of no better forerunner of my visit to him. I do not credit the rumor about Putnam. I dont think he is a candidate. He tells me he is not and promises to sign my papers. I will put him to the test in a day or two. Dont think I will go to Washington before early part of June unless there are some new development; and will not advertise my going. I am quietly putting up the fences here so that when my competitors get ready to fight they will not be able to get within hearing distance of the band. Matters are progressing quietly and

satisfactorily, and think I shall be able to down the self appointed guardians of the Public weal when the time comes, should they deem it advisable to oppose me. Of course I do not know what course Hooker may pursue but would not be surprised if later on he would find it quite convenient to favor my appointment.

Shall be glad to receive any information you may get and will see you before the Washington trip and consult about the best thing to do in the matter.

Very truly yours

J. T. Larmouth

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