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June 7 th, 1897.

Judge A. W. Tourgee,

My dear Judge:-

I have been up to Low's gorgeous new offices at the corner of Broadway and 27th St., and after a pleasant talk with the nice fellow, whom I have known for many years, I was turned over to his chief clerk, who seems to have been your correspondent:

He says he has no doubt of the comfort of the ships, but that he will himself go over to Brooklyn and look at the Patria, the only one of the line now in port. Although not exactly a sister ship to yours, he can judge something of its condition. The Chateau Yquem will not be here until June 25th. The line seems to have no regular dock, but the vessels sail from that one of the Brooklyn storage docks (East River) at which they happen to be loaded. He will notify you in due time where to send your boxes.

He will also ascertain about the possibility of sending your luggage through to Bordeaux. He says you can probably send them through in bond, and when you arrive you will receive special courtesies as consul.

Of course when you write to him you will let him know just how many tickets, rooms, etc you desire. I have asked him to write you direct, as that will save time. They are all very

courteous up there and anxious to serve their customers. If there is anything else let me know.

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