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EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON.

June 18, 1897.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your note of inquiry of recent date, asking if Judge Tourgée can get from the State Department the papers filed there endorsing his application for a consulate, I would state that as documents of this kind form the basis upon which appointments are made they become part of the archives of the Department and cannot be returned.

I am informed, however, that at any time you desire to do so you can have copies made of the papers referred to, which will probably answer your purpose.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John Addison Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left. The name "John" is written in a large, stylized script, followed by "Addison" and "Miller" in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary to the President.

Mrs. A. W. Tourgée,
Mayville, New York.