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Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

United States Consul at Bourdeaux, France.

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Hon. and Dear Sir:-

Mr. Anthony

J. Morris of Philadelphia, Pa., writes me to day, that under date of January 29th. 1900, you ask in the "Philadelphia Press" which is a daily paper "Who knows about Joseph Fenwick?"

My mother, Margaret Howell Fenwick, is the daughter of Col. Athanasius Fenwick, of Cherrifields, Maryland, and she is still living. Col. Athanasius Fenwick was the son of Ignatius Fenwick, and Ignatius and Joseph, the Consul at Bordeaux, were brothers.

I shall be happy to furnish you with any data that may be available if you will indicate just what you want.

I have in my possession some correspondence concerning Joseph Fenwick;- among others one from the U. S. Consul at Bordeaux whose signature I cannot clearly decipher. It appears, however, to be dated and sets out as follows:- "Bordeaux, April 6, 1844. I am happy to state that Mr. Joseph Fenwick still survives and is in the enjoyment of most excellent health notwithstanding his advanced age. His son Mr. F. C. Fenwick, he further stated had visited the U. S. some twenty five years since, and had endeavored to find out into whose hands the estate at Cherrifields, Maryland which Col. A. Fenwick inherited from his father had passed."

This letter is signed by a name that looks like Alexander Griosby; but it is impossible for me to make out the signature.

In addition to giving you any information which I can in relation to Joseph Fenwick, I would like to ask you to advise me if you can what became of Joseph Fenwick's estate. It has been reported to be in the possession of different parties who have no legal right to it. M. Darnat Esq., an attorney of Bordeaux is said to have confiscated a part of the estate.

If you can give me any information as to this and recommend a reliable lawyer at Bordeaux, I will certainly appreciate your kind offices. Permit me to remain Sir:

Very respectfully,

Alonzo P. MacLeod

in re

Fennick

Consul