Fords, Howard, & Hulbert,
Bible House, New York.

May 6th, 1903.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,
52 Cours du Jardin Public,
Bordeaux, France.

My dear Judge:-

We hand you herein a bill of sale, covering text and illustrative plates with binding stamps for all books by you that were in our keeping. You will also find orders on R. Drummond, printer for the plates, and Tomkins, McIndoe, binders, for the binding dies. The assignment of our right, title and interest in your books follows the form in which you desired it. Our corporation has never risen to the dignity of employing a seal, but you will recognize the signature of President Howard and the witness of Mr. Bell. This would seem to leave only one matter for your direction and that is "Button's Inn", of which we have twenty copies in cloth and two hundred and twenty-six in paper. Perhaps Mrs. Tourgee will authorize us to put these into the next trade sale, or accept a bid from one of the department stores, unless she has other use forthem. We hope to hear in your next that she has greatly improved in health, for we realize how serious a matter it is to you, and offer you both our sincere sympathy and best wishes. I trust, too, that you will derive personal benefit from the proposed May outing at the salt springs and that this vacation may be enjoyable in all ways and free from care.

Sincerely yours,

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