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Washington, D. C., Sept. 8, 1905.

Mrs. Albion W. Tourgee,
Care of Seligman Bros.,
18 Austin Friars, London E. C.,
England.

My dear Mrs. Tourgee:

Through the kindness of Mrs. Warner, I have received your letter of August 24, in which you ask for certain information regarding your pension claim.

You will understand that, being an employee of the Pension Bureau, I cannot with propriety give advice regarding claims pending therein. I think I may state, though, for your information, that the card receipting for your claim was intended to give you the number thereof, and the first service, in order that any communication addressed to the Bureau relating thereto could be readily applied. The designation of the Judge's first service, Company E, 27th N. Y. Infantry, is without significance, except as a means of identification of the claim, and indicating the division to which it was assigned. In the allowance of widows' claims under the general law, the Bureau recognizes the organization in which the soldier was serving and the rank which he held at the date of the origin of the disability shown to have caused his death. It is not a matter of choice by the applicant, but a question depending upon the evidence on file. The rate of pension of the widow of a first lieutenant is seventeen dollars per month.

It was with regret that we heard of the Judge's death,

although former reports regarding his health had prepared us to believe that he might not live to return to his native land. We spoke of him often, and his dear old friend Joe Warner talked with me of the Judge and of his death many times during the short period that he survived.

Mrs. Bryant joins me in extending sympathy and kind regards to yourself and daughter.

Sincerely your friend,

C. M. Bryant

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