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Mrs A. W. Tourgée
Washington D.C.

Dear Madame:- Your letter accusing me of defaming Judge Tourgee by "vile aspersions" and "falsehood" belongs to a class to which I never have time to reply - I make an exception, however, in your case, making due allowance for your feelings. I merely wish to call your attention to the fact that I spoke in the highest terms of your late husband's character, and barring the single figure of speech about "cursing the ancient Honorable Court" contains no error or exaggeration whatever. Of course, my dear Madame, no one save you, could have read that sentence with such literal meaning. No ordinary reader could believe for a moment that I meant to say Judge Tourgee actually stood up before the Court & swore at it, judges! - I know as well as you that he was a lawyer of ability before he came to N.C. - but I also know that his preparation in the ancient English authorities which the old Supreme Court of N.C. represented in its dignity & sacredness - was not only inadequate - it was nil - I was a member of the N.C. bar & the N.C. Legislature of 1886 & I beg to assure you that Judge Tourgee's career is as familiar to me as

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that of my Uncle Colonel Mattfee who was his political enemy in those dark days of our life — your assertion that "he was never a candidate for legislative honors" is a mere womanly quibble. The highest Legislature of N.C. is her Constitutional body — he was a member of this as you must well know & he took advantage of the attorney's law passed by that body exactly as I described — I fail to see wherein I have "defamed" his memory in recording the fact. Whatever Judge Fourgee's private opinion was, the Ku Klux Klan held him responsible with Gov. Holden for the declaration of martial law & the suspension of the Writ — I am sorry to be compelled to differ with you on these points of history — but I am not in the habit of going off half cocked on such subjects & I am prepared to prove my assertions at any time the test is made. My critics have assailed my history with more violence than discretion for the past two or three years & I have been an easy victor in each contest — I have no time or desire for one with you. I liked Judge Fourgee & I did not think I did him any injustice, Sincerely, Thomas Dixon Jr.

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