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52 Cours du Jardin Public,

Bordeaux, France, March 6th 1906.

Mrs Albion W. Tourgée,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Madam:

I have your favor of February 19th and beg to state that the letter you refer to was probably among the papers I ordered out of the safe a week or two ago when I had to find place for the archives of the Venezuelan Consulate. I remember to have noticed an unsealed envelope addressed to Mr. Pierce, but attached no importance whatever to it, as Mr. Fricot informed me that the letter it contained was signed by him officially, that he had such serious doubts as to its propriety that he did not mail it.

However, I send you the enclosed copies of papers I find on file here, which I presume are what you desire.

I am, Madam,

Yours very truly,

*D. D. Murphy*

American Consul at Bordeaux, France.