

the worst, let us hope for the
best

Very truly yours

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Hon. Martin J. Townsend
House of Representatives

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My dear friend, At the request

of three managers of New York
theatres, I write you about

"Senate Bill 240, Relating to
the jurisdiction of the Circuit
Courts of the United States."

As explained to me, the
provisions of the bill seem
just and proper.

Old dramas have become
obsolete; managers purchase new
and popular plays, for which
they pay very largely. To
protect themselves against piracies,
the legislation contemplated by
the Senate bill is much needed.
As two of the gentlemen to
whom I have referred are
my warm personal and political
friends, I earnestly hope that

the measure of relief which they
seek will commend itself to
your favorable consideration.
You and I have been so
long accustomed to look at
public questions from the same
standpoint, that I assume
that you would not approve
of the Compromise scheme. But
as it has been decided to "top up"
for the Presidency, while fearing