

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

Mr. John Deveaux, Collector of Port, Savannah, Ga. — Died.

2. Negroes who will go out of Office July 1st, unless something is done before that time.

Col. James Lewis, Surveyor General of the Land Office, New Orleans, La. — Position abolished.

Mr. William H. Lewis, Assistant District Attorney, Boston.

Mr. S. Laing Williams, Assistant District Attorney, Chicago.

3. Negroes who are likely to go out of Office in Louisiana if Land Office is moved from New Orleans.

Walter L. Cohen, Receiver of Public Money and Negro Registrar.

4. Negroes who are likely to go out of Office sometime in the near future.

Dr. J. E. Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Postmaster, Florence, N.C.<sup>2</sup> — On account of being refused confirmation before Mr. Taft took office.

TLpS Con. 48 BTW Papers DLC. The enclosure was also a press copy. BTW may have personally carried the letter and memorandum to Washington, D.C., since the letter is docketed: "Mr. Washington took letter with him."

<sup>1</sup> Joshua E. Wilson.

<sup>2</sup> Florence, S.C.

From William Howard Taft

[Washington, D.C.] June 24, 1909

My dear Dr. Washington: I have your letter of June 18th and have read it with a great deal of interest. The matter of appointments and filling places is a most difficult one to carry out, for the reason that the places are so few and vacancies come so rarely that it is difficult to shape a plan of action; but I intend nevertheless to carry out the ideas I have already explained to you, and I hope that circumstances will so adjust themselves that I can demonstrate it. Very sincerely yours,

Wm H Taft

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