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partment of State at Washington is facing, but, as I have said, your letter will have very careful consideration.

I am glad to hear that your health is improving and that you and Mrs. Fortune are at Red Bank. Yours very truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah Benjamin Scott.

### To Maud Nathan

[Tuskegee, Ala.] February 2, 1909

My dear Mrs. Nathan: In reply to your letter of January 28th, I am enclosing you a copy of a statement recently made by me in the New York Times.

I did not realize, when I ventured to express this opinion, that I was getting into something dangerously like a political controversy or even that I was "opposing woman suffrage." If I had done so, I should perhaps have hesitated to express an opinion upon a matter which, it seems to me must be left in the last analysis to the decision of women themselves. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

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### To Emmett Jay Scott

Mt. Pleasant, Mich. February 5, 1909

Dear Mr. Scott: In your own way, I think it might not be a bad plan for you to advise Mr. Rucker to stick pretty closely to Clark Howell. I have an idea that it is a possible thing that he may go into Mr. Taft's cabinet, although no one has told me so directly. Yours truly,

B. T. W.

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