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not he will finally carry out this plan I do not know, but I think you will agree with me that this administration has been more successful in turning people out than it has been in putting them in. Dancy of course is making a hard fight. I do not know whether he knows who is going to take his place or not. The impression prevails around Atlanta that the general scheme is to turn Rucker out as soon as Johnson goes in, that is in case he goes in. The Big Chief gives me as his reason for being inclined to change Dancy is that he has not made in his opinion, a very efficient official. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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From John Campbell Dancy

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*Confidential.*

My dear Dr. Washington: I have not been in the best humor for writing, hence my failure to let you hear from me sooner, except to wire my undoing.

This whole thing was done so suddenly and unexpectedly that I hadn't time for scarcely anything. And yet I got in some of the strongest sort of endorsements from all parts of the country. Your endorsement I will prize during my natural life as more valuable than any I ever filed, and I have filed them from the strongest men in this country.

I talked with the President full three-quarters of an hour. He conversed freely and pointedly and seemed thoroughly in sympathy with me. He finally said that he would take the matter under advisement further, and would inform me when he would take it up again. In the meantime he read nearly every endorsement I carried with me and commented on their strength.

I went away feeling I had won a signal victory, when to my great surprise and amazement the next morning there was a note on my desk stating that I would please call again, that the pressure was so great he could not withstand it, whereupon I tendered my resigna-