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From Helen M. Chesnutt

Cleveland. July 1—1910

Dear Mr. Washington: Since my return to Cleveland we have been in the greatest trouble, as you have doubtless heard, and now that Father seems to be recovering, and our minds are relieved from such great anxiety, I wish to express to you my appreciation of that most delightful and beneficial visit at Tuskegee.

The month that I spent there will always be one of my happiest recollections — every moment of it was full of interest and enjoyment. It was a wonderful experience to have had and I heartily thank you and Mrs. Washington for so graciously taking me into your family life as well as into the activities of the school.

My brother¹ seems to have the same view of Tuskegee that I have, and I trust that he will prove satisfactory in every way. I feel in a way responsible for his being there and want him to do well. With many thanks to all of you for your many kindnesses, I am Sincerely yours,

Helen M. Chesnutt

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¹ Edwin J. Chesnutt was a stenographer in the principal's office from 1910 to 1912.

To Thomas Jesse Jones

Huntington, N.Y. July 2d, 1910

My dear Dr. Jones: Replying to a portion of your letter I would say that, on the whole, I am inclined to agree with you that if you can substitute the word "colored" for Negro in the Census reports it would be more agreeable to a majority of the colored people. I find that they take more kindly on the whole to that term than to any other. I have discussed this matter with Major Moton.¹

I am thoroughly in favor of a colored constabulary. It now looks as if colored policemen will be appointed sometime soon in Charlotte, N.C.

I noted at the time what the Age said in criticism of the method