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From William Ashley Sunday¹

Lima Ohio Mar 21 1911

Your explanation regarding the unfortunate affair of Sunday night is believed and accepted by your hosts of friends throughout the west. We have unbounded confidence in your innocence and have no faith in reports to the contrary. I gave public expression to this sentiment before six thousand people assembled in religious meeting tonight.

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¹ William Ashley (Billy) Sunday (1862-1935), a former professional baseball player (1883-90), became an evangelist in the 1890s and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1903.

Alfred B. Cruikshank¹ to Seth Low

New York, N.Y., Mar. 21, 1911

Dear Sir: I am glad to see that you have actively taken up the task of vindicating Dr. Washington from the preposterous charges made against him by the Ulrichs. For the sake of the cause which Dr. Washington represents, we are all interested in having these stories put down as false and malicious.

I see by the newspapers that Ulrich now says that Dr. Washington assaulted him in the first place without provocation. I also gather that Ulrich made no charge of this kind on Sunday night at the police station at the time the parties appeared before the police lieutenant. Had Dr. Washington assaulted Ulrich, as he now claims, he would undoubtedly have made that assault the basis of his original complaint, instead of the absurd complaint of peeping through a keyhole. It is perfectly clear to my mind that this last story of an assault upon Ulrich is an afterthought; in other words, a downright lie, gotten up in an attempt to justify his own atrocious assault. The mere fact that Ulrich has changed his story in this essential particular is convincing, and in