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posed your appointment and at the same time, or afterward, did everything they could to bring about the failure of your confirmation.

Their first movement always seems to be to go about "annexing" those friends of ours that they can, so as to put themselves in position to continue their underhanded, and as we are able to definitely state, malicious attacks upon the Doctor and his work, and at the same time, say they have our friends as members of their association, and therefore, are not opposing him.

I feel quite sure that the Doctor will be writing you himself at the first convenient opportunity. I hope I may see you soon. I leave here for New York within the next day or two. Yours truly,

E J Scott

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From Emmett Jay Scott

New York, July 4, 1912

Mr. Washington: Mr. Trumbull,¹ Mr. Wiley informs me, has requested the latter to talk over the mill proposition with you, and yesterday, so I am also informed by Mr. Wiley, suggested that he would like to talk with you and Mr. Wiley together before you leave town about the matter. I suggested to Mr. Wiley that it would be best not to trouble you about the matter today as I feel quite sure you would want to rest up from your engagements.

I have taken the time during your absence to examine very carefully all of Mr. Wiley's papers, etc. I find that he has within \$4,000 of securing all the money to accomplish what he is trying to do. Two thousand of this amount will be forthcoming almost immediately upon the expression of an opinion on your part — not in specific approval of the Wiley enterprise, but in general approval of the idea of encouraging black people to go into such movements; in other words, what Mr. Trumbull has written is in the direction of giving the colored people a chance, and he is willing to sign this letter from what he has written you, if you view his letter, which is very conservative, from a favorable angle.

I have looked at Mr. Wiley's original papers, and find that Col.