

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

diplomatic contingent of which he was dean and received a commendatory letter from our Secretary of State to that effect.

The President of the Republic and all interested in the welfare of Liberia believe that he should be continued here as Minister and that, for the present, all United States politics should be taken away from this post until Liberia is thoroughly straightened out. If you believe as we do, anything that you may do with the incoming administration looking toward his retention here will be for the welfare of Liberia, and put the President of this Republic under a debt of gratitude to you.

I am also interested in the appointment of Mr. Bundy and will thank you for any measures you may take in his cause looking toward that end.

With the same esteem and affection for you as of old, I am, Yours sincerely,

Chas. Young,  
Major U.S. Army

TLS Con. 70 BTW Papers DLC.

<sup>1</sup> Captain Arthur A. Brown (or Browne) of Chicago had served as a first lieutenant in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. When BTW heard that Brown was being considered for a post in Liberia, he wrote to Reed Paige Clark: "I think I ought to say to you in all frankness that Brown is not the kind of man to go to Liberia. He is a bumptious, troublesome, sensitive, foolish fellow, and he would not be in Liberia ten days before he would give you and everybody else concerned all kinds of trouble." BTW's prediction seems to have been accurate, but he apparently did not mail the letter, as an unsigned original is in his papers. (Mar. 25, 1912, Con. 916, BTW Papers, DLC.)

<sup>2</sup> An account of this episode from U.S. State Department reports is in Fletcher, *The Black Soldier and Officer*, 95.

To Wickliffe Rose<sup>1</sup>

[Tuskegee, Ala.] February 1st, 1913

Dear Dr. Rose: I am very anxious to secure, if possible, from the Peabody Fund enough money to put two colored County Supervisors in Alabama. I am sure that the cooperation and consent of the State Superintendent and County Superintendents can be secured in this matter.