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To be plain about the matter, Cy Ferguson had a number of children by one of his slaves. Some of these children are now living at or near Charleston, W. Virginia and doing well, and one of them, a daughter, is married and living in Birmingham, Ala. Very truly,

[John H. Washington]

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¹ The Blackwater River, about five miles south of the Burroughs plantation.

From Edmund Hext Dryer¹

Birmingham, Ala. September 1, 1913

My dear Doctor: In order to believe my sincerity, it is, perhaps, unnecessary that I thank you again for your kindness in commending me to Mr. Taft when the time seemed propitious for my appointment to the position of a district judge. But now, since it is apparent that I shall never attain my ambition to become a Federal judge — the only public office to which, I explained to you, I should ever aspire — I wish you to know that I appreciate very greatly your efforts in my behalf; and am as sincerely grateful for them as I should have been had my appointment been secured. Your friend, sincerely

Edmund H Dryer

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¹ Edmund Hext Dryer, born in Tuskegee in 1863, practiced law in Talladega, Ala. (1888–1907) and in Birmingham after 1907. He was mayor of Talladega from 1891 to 1893.

From Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback

Washington, D.C. Sept. 4, 1913

My dear Doctor Washington: It has been some time since I wrote you. There are several reasons why I have not written. The first and best is that I did not have anything of special interest to write about. Second I hoped to meet you in New York and have a talk with you.