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Ralph Waldo Tyler to Emmett Jay Scott

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Dear Emmett: If there is any way the Doctor and you can influence Fred to cease this editorial strife with The Bee, I wish you would do so, and act hastily. This week's Age contains an attack on Chase, quite vicious — equally, if not more vicious than Chase's reply to the first attack from The Age. The fact is people do not care for the petty personal warfare between editors. They don't buy newspapers for such reading matter. The Age is the last newspaper that ought to engage in such a strife for the reason it is regarded as above it. The whole thing, from the start, was prompted by The Age's unusual championing of Bishop Walters. Now the Bishop is simply playing one newspaper against the other, and at the same time cuddling both. He comes to Washington, visits Chase, and calls with him on the Democratic National Committee and asks for Chase's support, and is willing to pay for it. *This is a fact.* The Age and The Bee have both been supporting the Doctor. It is suicidal to permit a fight between them. The result — ultimate result, will be the loss of at least one of them for the Doctor, if the fight continues. Fortune's personal fight should be no concern of The Age. Fortune, when it comes to dependableness in support of the Doctor, is not much more to be depended upon than Chase. I have heard him roast the Doctor while accepting his alms. Fortune is more brainy — that's the only difference.

Aside from the viewpoint of Doctor's interests, this fight is liable to cost Fred a nomination to Liberia. Chase will go to any extent to defeat him. Taft and Hilles both like him (Chase) for having stood firm at Chicago. I was surprised that The Age replied. I thought after it had styled Chase "ignorant and venomous," and he had come back, the war was over. But here The Age comes back this week with a column attack. Chase will no doubt reply next week — and then the newspaper — disgusting war between two editors, in which the public is not interested will go on. When will Negro newspapers realize that a mudslinging editorial column is injurious both to the papers and the race? If you have any influence at all with Fred wire him to cut out this personal fight from The Age's columns. There is no reason why The Age should be regarded as "no better than The Bee." And besides, as I said in the onset, the Doctor must be the loser, and