

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

To Emmett Jay Scott

Biltmore Hotel, New York, N.Y. February 1, 1915

Dear Mr. Scott: There were three points in connection with the Birmingham Bank which I fear worked against the bank. 1st. Mr. Woolverton¹ showed me a statement which proved that the Birmingham bank had an average [of] ten dollars in his bank during the last few months. These New York banks stick pretty close to the policy of helping out banks that keep a deposit with them. 2nd: Mr. Smith² in his telegram made it rather plain that he was very anxious to get the money from New York in order to reimburse him for the money lent the Colored bank. 3rd: Neither Mr. Woolverton nor myself liked the effort which was apparent in the telegram of placing the responsibility of saving the Colored bank on me. I will tell you more about it when I see you. Yours very truly,

B. T. W.

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¹ Samuel Woolverton (1865-1952), president of the Gallatin National Bank of New York City.

² Thomas Octavius Smith.

To Monroe Nathan Work

[Biltmore Hotel, New York City] Feb. 6, 1915

Aside from what they pay in taxes about how much do the colored people in the South contribute annual[ly] in all forms towards their own education.

B. T. W.

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