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To Charles William Anderson

[Tuskegee, Ala.] April 2nd, 1914

Dear Mr. Anderson: I congratulate you upon the fine approval registered at Washington by the Revenue Agent, Mr. Worthington after his examination of your office.

I am very much pleased indeed to make note of his fine expressions.

With best wishes, I am Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

P.S.: I have been able recently to get into a little working touch with President Wilson, and if at any time, you think I can be of any special service to you, please do not hesitate to let me know. I think it also wise for you to keep in close and definite touch with Mr. George Foster Peabody. If I were you, I would write him a letter once in a while, and give him definite facts as to what you have done and are doing.

B. T. W.

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To Gifford Pinchot

[Tuskegee, Ala.] April 3, 1914

My dear Mr. Pinchot: I have kept your letter on my desk several days without answering in order that I might consider the best way of helping to accomplish the results you desire:

In the first place, let me say that I am heartily in favor of your candidacy. Nothing, I think, would be more inspiring and helpful to the nation than to have a man like yourself in the Senate.

Now, as to the best method of helping you. I do not believe it would help but rather hinder if I were to come out publicly in your favor, that is, I think the politicians in your state would use the fact of outside interference to drive votes from you rather than to bring them to you; in a word, what I would suggest is something like this: for you to get hold of one of the strongest and most reliable colored men in Pennsylvania and gradually work with and through him.