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You can see how we are likely to provoke needless criticism by leaving Hotel Melbourne, which is a colored hotel, where most of the officers will be domiciled, to go to Young's Hotel.

I bring the matter to your attention with the hope that you will carefully consider this matter and with the further hope that you may decide to have the entertainment for the officers at Hotel Melbourne instead of at Young's Hotel. "Beggars must not be Choosers," still I think the suggestion I am making is entitled to consideration.

I am almost sure we would lay ourselves open to a lot of criticism which is not necessary to provoke if we follow out the plan of going to Young's Hotel. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

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¹ J. C. Napier, chairman of the executive committee of the NNBL, also wrote Courtney, arguing against the entertainment of the officers at Young's, a hotel owned by and generally used by whites, instead of at the headquarters hotel, owned by blacks. (July 31, 1915, Con. 529, BTW Papers, DLC.) Courtney arranged for the NNBL officers' banquet to be at the Hotel Melbourne. (Courtney to Scott, Aug. 2, 1915, Con. 529, BTW Papers, DLC.)

Alexander Robert Stewart to Julius Rosenwald

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Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I want first to apologize to you for taking up even a few moments of your time. It is not for myself however, for I am a vigorous young man quite able to work for myself and family. It is for Dr. Booker T. Washington's sake that I write. I may even be wrong in doing this, I hesitate, I am sure, to speak to you or to any one of Mr. Washington's personal affairs, because he is a man who never thinks of himself and would never consent to have his friends do one thing for him, and yet it is his doing for other people all of the time that "keeps his nose at the grindstone."

Another reason for my writing you Mr. Rosenwald is that I happen to know that you and others are constantly giving here to have certain things done, certain ideas carried out and I know that Mr. Washington needs more physical strength, less personal worry over his own