

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

To Whitefield McKinlay

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. November 7, 1906

Personal & Confidential:

Dear Mr. McKinlay: Enclosed I send you copy of a letter from the President which explains itself. I did my utmost to prevent his taking the action that he did. I feel that I did my full duty in the matter which the enclosed copy of a letter from him will show.

When I found that I could not prevent the action, I tried to get him to postpone it until he came back from Panama. Of course this is for your own information only. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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From Nicholas Chiles

Topeka, Kansas. Nov. 12, 1906

Dear Sir: Your letter of Oct. 23d received and you must excuse my delay, which has been due to extreme pressure of business, but in answer to your suggestions will say that we all cannot fight along the same lines of advancement of manhood, intelligence and wealth in this country. Your line of procedure may be alright for the South, but ours is decidedly right for the entire world. We believe in manhood, as well as courage, everywhere and also in demanding the same everywhere from everyone.

The article to which you refer, signed by myself, was sent broadcast over the Southland before you had seen it. So your statement that had it been republished or the parties gotten hold of it, there would have been, probable bloodshed and loss of life, is untrue, and useless, now. But, instead of destroying lives and property of the colored people, they at Seneca, S.C. avenged the wrongs perpetrated upon them by those poor and insignificant whites, who blew up the college, destroy-