

ADDENDA

To Theodore Roosevelt

[Tuskegee, Ala.] March 30, 1908

My dear Mr. President: You do not know how grateful I am to you for what you have done regarding Mr. S. Laing Williams. I am not only personally deeply grateful to you for this action, but am quite sure that it will help very much in a large racial sense. I am taking means to see that it is given wide circulation in racial papers.

I wonder if you recall that the Williams appointment takes care of every colored man whom we discussed for office when you first went into the Presidency. Besides you have appointed more men than was decided upon for appointment.

I have just written you that I would see you at an early date regarding the Liberian matter. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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From Theodore Roosevelt

[Washington, D.C.] April 2, 1908

My dear Mr. Washington: Pending our correspondence the Commission forwarded to me a statement that the Nashville and Chattanooga Railway had declined to comply with its order of June 27th last. Accordingly it seemed best not to write to the Commission, but to write to the Attorney General requesting that immediate steps be taken by the Department of Justice for the purpose of enforcing the order. I enclose a copy of my communication to the Attorney General. I have adopted substantially the changes you suggested, except that I did not add the paragraph about freight and human beings, because I thought it would look a little bit ad captandum; and there was also one sentence where I think you confused my allusion to the Federal law with your allusion to the State law.

I was delighted that we were able to appoint Williams. Yes, I recall that we now have got in office all the men whom you and I discust