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To James Fowle Baldwin Marshall

Tuskegee, Ala., March 4 1883

Dear Gen'l: I hope you received the copy of the state Supt's report which I sent you some days ago.

I think our work this year has been as encouraging as it was last. In my letter to Miss Ludlow¹ I spoke of the additional appropriation of \$1000 annually by the legislature. I almost gave up hope after our treasurer² "skipped." But it happened that the speaker of the House³ was a resident of our town and he made a clear and forcible representation of our work. Heretofore the other two colored schools in the state have each received \$500 annually from the Peabody Fund. This year by advice of the State Supt. Dr Curry takes \$500 from one of the other schools and gives it to us. So I think in the future we will have to spend for tuition \$3500.00.

Mr. Pierce has paid for an additional 40 acres of land for us.

I have just received a letter from Dr. Calloway⁴ accepting an invitation to speak for us Commencement. I guess you have heard of him recently as the one who has been associated with Dr. Haygood⁵ as Vice Pres. of Emory College Ga. He resigned his position there this year to accept the Presidency of a colored institution to be supported by the southern white methodists. He is widely known and respected in the South and I think he will do us much good. We doubtless would have gotten Dr. Haygood but for the miscarriage of one of my letters.

We expected to have the new building dedicated at our close, probably by the State Supt.

I spent two days of last week holding a teachers' institute with the teachers of Bullock Co. Both they and the Co. supt. seemed to enjoy it. I had planned on my programme for a discussion of the "Word Method," but found the leap from Webster's "Blue Back" to the "W. Method" too much.

All of us are blessed with good health. Mrs. Washington has not been sick abed a day since we have been here. I should like to write oftener but all this term I have been so *very* busy that I could not. Hereafter I hope to be somewhat relieved as we add another teacher⁶ tomorrow. He is a fine young man — graduate of the Worcester Academy Mass.

I am sorry that we are not able just now to insure our building. We