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was too cold that morning for him to go to breakfast, and he was asleep at dinner time, so he did not go to dinner but did go to supper, and he seemed to like his tray very much, for he looked at the pictures and put his hands on them, and laughed. Aunt Susie<sup>2</sup> has named the baby Gertrude.

The pig that you sent Mr. Greene<sup>3</sup> was dead when it got here, and the calf did not come at all. Miss Murray says that five barrels and some boxes have come since you went away, but she does not open them over here when you are away so I have not seen any of them. I have not broken either of my big dolls, but Lily was very sick Saturday when she was out of the trunk, but she is better now. A week ago today I received a beautiful letter from Mrs. Baker. I have not answered it yet, but shall do so soon. I cannot think of anything more to write except, good bye, and come home soon to your loving little

Portia

HLSr Con. 17 BTW Papers DLC. Dora S. King drafted this letter for 6½-year-old Portia.

<sup>1</sup> Listed both as Sophira and Sophia Lavinia Warren in the Tuskegee school catalogs. She entered Tuskegee as a junior in 1889 and graduated in 1894. From Notasulga, Macon County, Ala., she taught in the county after graduation.

<sup>2</sup> Susie Miller (Mrs. John Henry) Washington.

<sup>3</sup> Charles W. Greene.

## From Catherine Impey<sup>1</sup>

Street, Somerset, England March 5/90<sup>2</sup>

Dear Mr. Washington I forget if I have ever written you before — I feel as if I had known you for years — having so long & often heard of you & your successful work. Years ago someone sent me a little parcel of the *Southern Letter* & it at once opened my eyes to the possibility of an Anti-Caste. For years I had tried to get a good paper set on foot on this question but supposed the risk of expense & the tax on my time made it impossible I should myself attempt it & yet no one else was saying what I wanted said — or not saying it to the people I felt I might reach. Your paper was an inspiration to me. I found the cost of printing would be very inconsiderable — I tried to