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To George Washington Cable

Tuskegee, Ala., April 7, 1890

Dear sir: Your very kind favor regarding the Mohonk Conference I found awaiting me on my return from the North. Were it possible for any action of yours to increase my respect and love for you[,] your position in this matter would certainly do so many fold. I have delayed an answer some days thinking that an invitation might reach me or that I might hear of one of the other gentlemen suggested by you receiving one. As yet I have heard of none. I have known for some time that this conference was to be held, and confess that I thought it a little strange that no invitation came to me. Still I supposed all along that other colored men had been invited. I do not think I can be called a sensitive man, but the disposition on the part of many of our friends to consult *about* the Negro instead of *with* — to work for him instead of *with* him is rather trying and perplexing at times. The action of the movers in this conference I confess I can not understand and can not see but that the exclusion of colored men will in a large degree cripple the influence of any deliverance the Conference may make.

It may interest you to read a marked article in the "Cleveland Gazette" which I send by this mail. Should an invitation come later I shall inform you. Yours truly

Booker T. Washington

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To Margaret James Murray

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Miss Maggie J. Murray: This is to inform you that you are hereby appointed Lady Principal of this institution¹ to take effect at the close of the present session. In due time a notice of your appointment will be made known to teachers and students.

There will be an increase in your salary, said increase to be made