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to study blacks living in Philadelphia's seventh ward, a study which resulted in Du Bois's pioneering book, *The Philadelphia Negro*. From 1902 to 1904 Lindsay was commissioner of education of Puerto Rico, while retaining his chair in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. He moved to Columbia University in 1907, remaining there until his retirement in 1939.

From Timothy Thomas Fortune

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec 1, 1896¹

Dear Friend: I don't think you want to go into the Cabinet or think that a man of ours can get there. I would be glad if you would drop a line to Major McKinley at once endorsing Col. A. E. Buck² of Georgia as the Southern member. If he gets there *we* shall have a friend at court. As things now stand Henry Clay Evans³ of Tennessee, a rank cuss, has the inside track.

Why haven't I had a line from you. Peterson⁴ sent me the Boston Herald Editorial. I sent it back marked "go."

My father is a shade better. How is Mrs Washington? Yours truly

T. Thomas Fortune

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¹ Fortune wrote a similar letter to BTW on Dec. 2 which he addressed to BTW in Boston rather than Tuskegee.

² Alfred Eliab Buck (1832-1902), a Union veteran who had served with black troops, held a number of Republican appointive posts in Alabama during Reconstruction and was a congressman from 1869 to 1871. Moving to Atlanta in 1874, he remained an active Republican officeholder. He was U.S. minister to Japan from 1897 to 1902. Washington may have recommended him for this appointment. (See BTW to Fortune, Dec. 6, 1896, below.)

³ Henry Clay Evans (1843-1921), a Union veteran, settled in Chattanooga after the war and quickly prospered as a railroad car manufacturer. He was twice elected mayor of Chattanooga and served in Congress in 1889-91 as a Republican. In 1897 he became U.S. commissioner of pensions, and in 1902 consul general in London.

⁴ Jerome Bowers Peterson (1860-1943) was Fortune's partner in the *New York Freeman* and *New York Age* from 1887 until 1904, when he secured a federal appointment, first as consul at Puerto Cabello in 1904-5 and then in the New York office of the Internal Revenue Service. Later he was employed on the *Age* by Fred R. Moore, until his retirement in 1933.