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convert the heathen in Africa and bring them to our way of thinking and acting. What mockery!

Have not these Matabele warriors as much right to lay claim to the streets of London, as the English have to claim the native land of these Africans? What England has done every Christian (?) nation in Europe has done.

On one ship a half dozen missionaries go to use the Bible and prayer book — in the next ship go a thousand soldiers to use the rifle.

Can we wonder that the Africans hesitate about exchanging their religion for that of the Anglo-Saxon race?

Booker T. Washington

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From Stephen E. Moses¹

Anniston, Ala., Jan. 4-'97

Dear Sir Your letter recd. In reply to same I saw Senator Abercrombie.² We discussed the appropriation feature of Tuskegee bill. His honor, he assured me would publicly support the bill as a whole, that his Committee would both endorse and support the same, that he thought it would undoubtedly pass both houses. The only point "pro or con" whether some of Senators thought appropriation too large. Say if you think considerately have your representative to add "a reductory appropriation provis[i]on" then there will be no *doubt* of its passage. Truly Yours

Stephen E. Moses
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P.S. Anniston celebrated Jan 1st here right. You as it were, were honored as riding a cream colored horse, the leader of the race, and the procession. Made the walk in ring. It was my pleasure to be in Atlanta the same day. R. R. Wright, the orator, made an antagonistic speech — of a prejudicial nature. He attempted to arouse public sentiment against "some one" as if "he" was against higher education. In his effort he made you more prominent. He caused people to know you who did not. The while speaking some one cried out Hurra for Booker T. Washington. The house yelled out. The Georgia Negro