

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

grounds of my preference for the office. If we insist, as we shall, we shall succeed. Yours truly

B. K. Bruce

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To Thomas Brackett Reed

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Feb. 5, 1897

My dear sir: Both of us are engaged in the industrial education of the youths of the South. Both the white race and the Negro race was the sufferer by reason of slavery, both are now trying to regain what was lost by putting our respective races upon a permanent industrial footing. This can only be done through industrial education such as both of us are seeking to give in our institutions. The State of Alabama is too poor to do all that it wants to do for the education of the white and colored people. What we ask of the Government in the way of land would largely put both of our institutions on their feet and at the same time the Government would not feel the loss. In the end speculators and others will secure these valuable lands and the children of the state will perhaps reap very little if anything by reason of their sale. There is an exceptional chance to put every dollar resulting from the sale of the 25,000 acres of land each which we ask, into the education of the head, hand and heart of the white and colored youths of the South. Will you help us by letting our joint bill pass? We make this last joint appeal to you. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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From John Langalibalele Dubé<sup>1</sup>

Brooklyn N.Y. Mch 7th 1897

Dear Sir/ You will perhaps be surprized to hear from a stranger, but I have heard of your good work in the South at Tuskegee Alabama.