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talist. Patriotism is a sentiment which we place above commercial interests, and beside it, many of us place our interest, sympathy & responsibility for the negro, there seems a connection between the two, which we cannot afford to lose sight of if we hope to do our duty.

But I assure you my sentiments do not prevent my appreciating the manliness, common sense & clear logic of your arguments & your attitude, only I do not think it would be wise for you to cast out sentiment altogether from your speeches. Very Truly Yours

Caroline H. Pemberton

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¹Caroline H. Pemberton was a Philadelphia writer and social worker. In 1896 she wrote *Your Little Brother James*, which explored the social influence theory of delinquency, and in 1899 *Stephen the Black*, a story of race relations sympathetic to blacks. From 1897 to 1899 she was a member of the eighth section board of directors of the Philadelphia public schools and was secretary of the Negro Educational League. She frequently corresponded with BTW, and visited Tuskegee.

From Richard Theodore Greener

Phila., Penna., April 5, 1897

My dear Washington, I found your kind note awaiting me here, on my arrival yesterday. I had hoped to see you in W. but have been away so long, my presence is now demanded at home.

I have such a natural diffidence about asking influence, I really would not have applied to you, had I not found your letter as I told you. As you know me so much better than many others, mere lip service is not necessary between us. And yet I should take it as a favor, should you see the President, to say a good word for me. I have done all the work necessary to success; but I have found several times in my life, that was not all that was needed.

Thanking you for your promptness and generous words, I am, as ever, Sincerely Yours,

Richard T. Greener

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