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will not give up the manuscript of your speech at P.V. — if you are to deliver the same speech here, as I can use it in the “*Post*” — our daily city newspaper. I also desire to request rather *firmly* that you accept no proffers of hospitality from anyone representing the Afro-American Fair Association of this city. These people are chagrined because they were not able to secure you to speak under their management. They have thrown every conceivable barrier in my way to defeat the plan to make your lecture the huge success I have every reason to think it will be. I understand they’re expect[ing] to meet you at P.V. and prevail upon you to put yourself in their hands when you arrive yon. Prof Blackshear¹ & all others can tell you of my hard work to make your appearance here a success. Our leading educators — state & city — have been invited & will be with us. I am also very anxious to have you stay with Mrs. Scott and myself over Saturday. Our people are very anxious to honor you — & I hope you can afford to accept it. I shall be glad to welcome you at the depot when you come down from P.V.

Well — this is all. I hope to have your absolute acquiescence in the matters herein mentioned. Yours very truly —

Emmett J Scott

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¹Edward Lavoisier Blackshear was born in Montgomery, Ala., in 1863 and graduated from Tabor College in Iowa in 1881. Moving to Texas, he was principal of a black high school in Austin from 1883 to 1896. Governor James S. Hogg appointed him president of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College. An admirer and supporter of BTW, he sought to model his school after Tuskegee. Blackshear lacked BTW’s gift for diplomacy, however, and he was forced by Governor James E. Ferguson to resign after he campaigned for Ferguson’s opponent. (Woolfolk, *Prairie View*, 122-59.)

Margaret James Murray Washington
to Warren Logan

Crawford House, Boston June 4 [1897]

Dear Mr Logan. I send this letter & order. I have written & thanked them. You may simply send receipt.

I wish you would send \$5.00 for me to Mrs. Lucy Brown Macon