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greater number as there is always more or less sickness attending vaccination. Many of the towns in the State have waked up to the urgency of the situation & are taking just such steps as I have outlined to you. If you are prompt in giving instructions in this matter I can at least give you one week's service. I could have written you two days earlier but Jewett has been down with *typhoid* fever and has demanded very much of my time.

I have talked the matter over with Mr. Logan. Hoping you will understand that I have no interested motives other than for the general good of the public and the school I am very truly yours

S. S. H. Washington

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From Emmett Jay Scott

Houston, Texas, Aug. 6/1897

Dear Mr. Washington: I have your favor dated July 26 and mailed August 1st. Replying thereto, I beg to say that I cannot accept the terms of your offer. The amount of salary offered is too small for serious consideration, especially now since I find that Mrs. Scott cannot be with me there next year; and must be provided for here at Houston, while I am at Tuskegee.

I am not unmindful of the great opportunities offered me by being associated with you, but I should try to be so valuable as to merit a sum, for salary, greatly in excess of what you offer. Thanking you most cordially for your much appreciated offer and regretting the necessity which precludes acceptance of it, I am, Yours very sincerely —

Emmett J. Scott

P.S. If you decide to come to Texas again soon I shall be glad to hear from you. Mrs. Scott sends regards.

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