

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON *Papers*

From Emmett Jay Scott

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 4/1897

My Dear Mr. Washington: The enclosed matters are handed you for your attention. I send under separate cover matters sent by Judge Hammond and Edward Atki[n]son.

Atlanta Journal — Dec. 3 — has a squib — with flashing headline — “He differs with Booker Washington. Colored Professor of Latin and Greek Believes in Higher Education for the Negro.”

Some fellow named J W Gilbert, Payne’s Institute, Augusta spoke of you as “preaching narrow and erroneous ideas.[’]”¹ About ten lines. Springfield Republican has nice sketch & Asso. Press report & cut of bldg. Everything goes well. Hope you’ll take good care of your health. Yours Respectfully —

Emmett J. Scott

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¹ John Wesley Gilbert of Paine Institute, Augusta, was reported in the *Atlanta Constitution*, Dec. 3, 1897, as a speaker at a church meeting in Atlanta. He criticized BTW as advocating that “the negro only needs an industrial education and that he should consume his life in drawing water and hewing wood.”

From John Addison Porter

[Washington, D.C.] December 6, 1897

My dear Sir: The President has noted with pleasure the contents of your favor of the 4th instant¹ and wished me to thank you sincerely for your cordial reference to the appointment of Hon. B. K. Bruce. Very truly yours,

John Addison Porter
Secretary to the President

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¹ BTW’s letter was not preserved in either the McKinley Papers, DLC, or the BTW Papers, DLC.