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prefer that my name not be used in connection with the matter.  
Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

TLS Francis J. Garrison Papers NN-Sc.

<sup>1</sup> Garrison replied that he would call the matter to the attention of some Bostonians and asked BTW for more details about the strategy of the case and the names of the lawyers involved, which he felt he needed to know before soliciting contributions. (Mar. 2, 1900, Con. 173, BTW Papers, DLC.)

From Richard Price Hallowell

Boston, March 2, 1900

Dear Mr. Washington: Your favor of the 27th ult. received. I shall be glad to help along an effort to have the Louisiana Election Law tested before the United States Supreme Court, and for that purpose I hand you herewith my check to your order for \$20. Money spent for such purposes is too often expended injudiciously, but as this is to go through your hands I have no hesitation on that account.

You suggest that I shall find persons here "who would consider it a pleasure to contribute towards this object." Unfortunately at present there seems to be a profound indifference in regard to the political rights of the Southern colored people, and I question whether any appeal of mine, made simply on my own responsibility, would avail. You, however, have the ear of what is called the conservative as well as that of the more radical friends of your race, and applications from you would undoubtedly be favorably received.<sup>1</sup> If you have not time to give the matter your personal attention, I will take it off your hands and acting as your agent will make application to any and every one in Boston whose name you will send to me. This proposition I know is contrary to your wish that your "name shall not be used in connection with the matter," but without it I would prefer to limit my connection to my own contribution. Very truly yours,

R. P. Hallowell

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