

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

I have been too busy and not had the strength to follow up my subscriptions since you were here, but I have added a little to my list and shall have more time next week. Yours very truly,

Henry C Davis

TLS Con. 170 BTW Papers DLC.

<sup>1</sup>Davis wrote Edgar Gardner Murphy a few days later stressing the need for an end to sectional feelings regarding Negro suffrage and urging that both northerners and southerners needed to be properly educated on racial matters before any solution to racial strife would result. "I have always felt," Davis said, "that the 'franchise' to the Negro was a monumental blunder of the Republican party, that but few who were responsible for it cared one particle for the rights of the Negro and that it was a political move to try to retain political power for party purposes." He told Murphy that he was honestly seeking "common grounds to stand on and if we fail in so doing let us still be friends." (Apr. 2, 1900, Con. 170, BTW Papers, DLC.)

From William Edward Burghardt Du Bois

Atlanta, Ga., April 10 1900

My Dear Mr. Washington: I am sorry to say that I have been unable to lay my hands upon the data mentioned and consequently could not forward it. I am sorry.

I think I ought not keep you any longer in uncertainty as to my coming to Tuskegee. I have given the matter long and earnest thought and have finally decided not to accept your very generous offer. I see many opportunities for usefulness and work at Tuskegee, but I have been unable to persuade myself that the opportunities there are enough larger than those here at Atlanta University to justify my changing at present. The only opening that would attract me now would be one that brought me nearer the centres of culture & learning and thus gave me larger literary activity. I thank you very much for the offer and for other kindnesses and I need not assure [you] that you will always have in your work my sympathy & cooperation. Very Sincerely,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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