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From Timothy Thomas Fortune

New York, June 1, 1900

Dear Mr. Washington: Your letter of the 29th ult. was received.

Yes; I got the letter of the Pages, addressed to you, saying they would send me a check on receipt of signed contract, but up to this writing no check has reached me. I hope it will reach me in the morning, because I need the money Saturday badly; and I am very sorry that you have had to be bothered about it.

Your book from the Nichols people came this morning. It is to be regretted that so fine a book should be spoilt by such execrable white paper and such unaccountable ignorance in the typographical make up. Turn to pages 74, 302 and 402 for instance. No where outside of a country job office would a blank page be left in a book. The running of three cuts together (pp. 413-4-5) is also vile. Indeed, the book is chock full of typographical and aesthetic blemishes. But perhaps no one but a practical printer will note these.

As I had not seen the paragraph concerning myself in the Ms. I turned to it and *was very much taken* aback by the generosity with which you speak of Scott and me.¹ I appreciate it very much I can assure you.

You should see to it that Calloway has a copy of the book in his Paris collection.

My nerves are steadier, but my stomach is still in rebellion.

When are you coming North?

I am thinking of going to Atlantic City the last of next week and of remaining there until after the Philadelphia Convention. If I can raise the cash I shall.

Mrs. Fortune is sick abed with a heavy cold. Yours truly

T Thomas Fortune

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¹ In February Fortune read the manuscript and wrote to BTW that he had received a "cold shock" when he "realized that you had finished the record of your life and work without deeming it necessary to mention my name as your good friend of eight years. . . ." (Feb. 3, 1900, Con. 172, BTW Papers, DLC.)