

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

Awaiting your further commands and assuring you of my grateful appreciation of your co-operation in this matter, I am
Yours very truly,

Chas. W. Thompson

TLS Con. 244 BTW Papers DLC. Attached was a note from E. J. Scott dated May 2: "Dear Mr Washington: I attach letter from the modest Congressman, I have written him that letter has been sent to you."

¹ Charles Edgar Littlefield (1851-1915) was a Republican congressman from Maine from 1899 to 1908.

² James T. Woodward (1845-1910) was president of the Hanover National Bank and director of several other New York banks. His interest in the South perhaps stemmed from his directorships of the Birmingham Trust and Savings Co. and the Southern Railway Co.

³ John Henry Ketcham (1832-1906) was a Republican congressman from Dutchess County, N.Y., from 1865 to 1873, from 1877 to 1893, and from 1897 until his death.

⁴ James Perry Conner (1851-1924) was a Republican congressman from Iowa from 1900 to 1909.

⁵ Walter Inglewood Smith (1862-1922) was a Republican congressman from Iowa from 1900 until 1911, when he was appointed U.S. circuit judge.

⁶ James Harding Southard (1851-1919) was a Republican congressman from Ohio from 1895 to 1907.

From Charles F. Bacon¹

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 2, 1902

Dear Mr. Washington: We write you to ascertain if you have lent, or in any way allowed your picture and signature to be used in the advertisement of cigars or tobacco with any company in the United States.

Our town is posted with your picture and signature in the advertising of cigars, even to the slums.

It is a source of great chagrin for us to be compelled to face your picture advertising this nefarious business, the picture of one we have heretofore learned to associate with everything that is pure and ennobling.

For twelve years it has been my duty to train the minds of the youth and I have always been proud to hold up before them, Booker T. Washington as an example, and now to see your name and picture placed upon sign-boards all over the country and in the