

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

From Emmett Jay Scott

[Tuskegee, Ala., July 31, 1903]

My Dear Mr. Washington: I sympathise greatly with you because of the nasty mess last night — that Forbes, Trotter & the rest of that gang sh'd have made the "muss" they did. It all only shows their impotent fury that 2M(2000), people sh'd come out to hear you — in the face of all their dirty attacks. It must have exasperated them. I shall be greatly surprised if they do not receive the condemnation of all decent people — & if the end of their dirt is not in sight. Hudson had resolutions as per his draft herewith passed by the Convention.¹ He gave his consent for any changes I desired & I have sent to Advertiser, Constitution & Associated Press the report copy of which I also attach. I hope the report will go out & that you will have seen it even before this letter reaches you. It will break the force of their attack & will do good — great good! Yours Sincerely
Ever,

Emmett J. Scott

ALS Con. 249 BTW Papers DLC.

¹ A convention of leading Alabama black Baptists, meeting in a Tuskegee church under the chairmanship of R. B. Hudson, passed resolutions condemning the effort of "a few irresponsible men at Boston last night to insult and humiliate Dr. Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Institute." They pronounced BTW "a conservative, worthy and safe leader." (Press release, July 31, 1903, Con. 250, BTW Papers, DLC.)

From Burwell Town Harvey

Peru, Ind. July 31-1903

Dear Prof. Washington: I just read in the evening paper an associated press dispatch from Boston, Mass., where you were interrupted by some of your opposers in attempting to ask questions during the delivery of your speech at the Zion church there. It is reported as almost precipitating a riot. One policeman was stabbed with a hat pin and one of your opposers was badly cut with a razor. I pray God that nothing will happen to you in such meetings. Such self-