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there last night. It will be used to reflect on the race, to prove its want of appreciation, and criminal instincts, by our enemies.

By all means Trotter and Forbes must be muzzled, and at once. Just as early as possible I shall go to New Haven and exert my best endeavors to bring it about through the matter there. Very truly yours,

Wilford H. Smith

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From James Carroll Napier

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My Dear Mr. Washington: I see that the crowd of malcontents with whom we had to deal at Louisville have again been trying to give trouble — this time in Boston. They are indeed a hard and troublesome set. They are themselves continually in hot water and it is their purpose and aim to draw every one else into it with them. At Louisville they thoroughly convinced me that they are utterly unfit to govern or control themselves and therefore entirely unfit to champion the rights of others. They deserve to be severely sat down upon. I trust that the courts will mete out to each one of them his just deserts.

I wish very much I could have been present at this meeting to tell them what I think of them. No self respecting colored man in the South desires to have his cause championed by any such horde of loud-mouthed, blatant blatherskites. Their course brings no good to themselves or others. Their course is severely condemned on every hand. You will not meet men of this class or make up when you come to Nashville.

Every thing looks well for the League. Be sure to leave no stone unturned to secure a large attendance. I am sure that every delegate will receive the same general courteous treatment in Nashville that he would get in Boston.

Mrs. Napier has been quite sick and for three days has been con-