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anxious to be agreeable. He is agreeable as to the lecture — (under both auspices) but Murphy is not enthusiastic & so I want to leave it open till I return so as to tell you what I think it best that we do — I am sure I can straighten it out to the entire satisfaction of all concerned! As for Murphy: he is for us — good & strong & was only chagrined in the Lecture matter. The other fellows have dubbed him a [“]Washingtonite” & I think he’ll stand up bravely & well. He is to come there early in January returning from Florida. He is going down to the Conferences to be held by *Bishop Handy* & so I got a chance to enter & press home an invitation that he come by & I think he will, & also that we shall lose nothing by his visit.

I have not seen Mr Durham yet tho’ I wired him I was to be here today. He may be out of town, but I am just going to look him up. I shall press the New York matter, as hard & fast as possible & return as early as I can. I hope for some measure of success in that *Age* matter & hope I shall please you by effecting an arrangement that will be satisfactory. Yours very sincerely

Emmett J. Scott

Mr Hunt has my New York address!

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<sup>1</sup> William Ashbie Hawkins (b. 1862) was a graduate of Morgan College in Baltimore (1881) and Howard University Law School (1892). A lawyer in Baltimore, he took an active role in cases involving the rights of blacks. At various times he was editor of *Education Era*, *Lancet*, *Cambridge Advance*, and *Spokesman*. Hawkins was a leader of anti-Washington sentiment in Baltimore.

<sup>2</sup> John Henry Murphy (b. 1840) was in the feed and produce business and then worked as a “house decorator” for twelve years before entering the printing business in 1890. In 1899 he purchased the Baltimore *Afro-American* and served as president and general manager. The *Afro-American* was a pro-Washington newspaper, although it usually was neutral toward the Tuskegean’s critics.

To John Cowles Grant

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Will you be kind enough to find out if I and two or three other colored men from South can have private interview with Robert T.