

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

Richard W. Thompson to Emmett Jay Scott

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*Personal.*

Dear Scott: The terms suggested are accepted, with thanks for kindly interest manifested by you in the matter. To avoid any possible hitch, let me ask that you tell me specifically just what you want done, line of thought most helpful to the cause, and methods most likely to produce satisfactory results. Say it now, and it will be all over! I can handle five papers for anything in the Wizard's interest — Kentucky Standard[,] Freeman, Advocate, Citizen and Colored American. I can't hear from Moody, of Chicago Monitor, any more. Don't think he cares for a letter, but will accept any note from time to time. It might be well to send me papers of various kinds, when containing information of value. You might also state at what point or date you wish month to begin. I shall endeavor to give you a service that will justify the outlay mentioned. All matters, of course, are in the strictest confidence. I do not think any one regards me as being in the employ of the school as my policy for eight years has not undergone the slightest change with reference to Mr. Washington and his work.

I am sending you under another cover a copy of the Jeffersonville Daily Star (White) containing a pretty fair review of my speech at Wesley Chapel, G. W. Langford's church. Mr. Washington could not have failed to have been inspired by the cordiality with which Tuskegee's story was received, had he been present. Did you find a litho for Langford. He saw mine at my house and wanted one. A business league has been organized here, and delegates will be sent to Ind'p'l's. Public meeting on 14th. If you are sending Mr. Washington's latest pamphlet "Successful Training, etc." from "World's Work," I should be glad to have one.

I assume there is nothing in the rumor that Fortune intends to sue Trotter for libel. The Washington Record, under Cromwell's influence, is a copperhead sheet. Can't Manly control the policy of his paper. It has no good blood for Tuskegee. Hershaw writes me of Cromwell and his anti-Washington sly digs. H. thinks the literaries will discuss B. T. W. on the same old lines. Shows no signs of conversion himself. Toomey is at Second Baptist now. He is my friend,