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swayed by him. It was a cleverly arranged assault. At some time it must be answered by one who knows you and who has read your books and followed your work. I don't believe that you can afford to answer it. Any reply of yours will simply give additional prominence to Morris and dignity to his utterances. Your books explain fully all the excerpts that he touched upon, but he would not do you the justice of reading further than suited his purposes.

I think that we sometimes make a mistake in not laying stress on your work in a more emphatic way on all occasions. It can be done in so many ways, and so effectively, without inviting a discussion of the "Man behind the guns." We who know and appreciate what you are doing for our race must hold up your hands and let the opposition call us all manner of names and charge us with all kinds of crimes and misdemeanors. The crisis is here and we must meet it. The great common enemy, prejudice, must engage our whole attention, if we would save our wives and our sisters and daughters from a degradation little less than that which slavery brought to their mothers.

Mrs. Terrell joins me in expression of pleasure at your contemplated visit to us. With kindest regards for Mrs. Washington,
Faithfully yours,

Robert H Terrell

I am looking into Mr. Rose's case.

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To Joel Chandler Harris

Tuskegee, Alabama. February 1, 1904

My dear Sir: Will you allow me to thank you most sincerely and earnestly for your very liberal and helpful article published in last week's Saturday Evening Post.¹ It has been a long time since I have read anything from the pen of any man which has given me such encouragement as your article has. It has been read already by a large number of colored people, and it would surprise and delight you to hear the many pleasant things which they are saying about