

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

From Wilford H. Smith

New York City, March 31st, 1904

Dear Mr. Washington: I have gone over, several times, the matter of the probable course proceedings will take in a suit against the election officers, and I feel quite confident that I can so frame the case as to compel a demurrer and bring the cases up to the Supreme Court on questions of law rather than facts, and thus avoid a voluminous and expensive record. I still think that two cases should be made in order to reach both plans of registration.

If you are willing to risk so much, I can cover the expenses and pay myself out of \$1500. This is as close as I can possibly cut the figures, and I fully appreciate the sacrifices you have already made in this matter, and the unsatisfactory result so far, as well as the advantage it will be to me to finally triumph in the fight.

My letters to Dr. Courtney and Mr. Lewis at Boston written the day I saw you are still unanswered. Just as soon as I hear from them [I] will communicate with you.

As to the Palisade Park lots, the party who was speaking of buying them is expected from Cuba any day. As soon as she comes I will try to close out to her. If I cannot I would feel very much relieved if some arrangement could be made so as to make the payments in the future without using my friend from Texas. Very truly yours,

Wilford H. Smith

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To Walter L. Cohen

Hotel Manhattan, New York City. April 1st, 1904

Personal.

Dear Mr. Cohen: I do not intend to answer your letter fully at present, but to acquaint you with the following facts.

The President himself wrote a card to Secretary Hitchcock, ap-