

MARCH • 1905

called for Du Bois to name his sources, and the recipients of the bribes or readers would have to conclude that he "has sunk to blackguardism; and that his right eye is an evil one, and his tongue is greased with slanderous oil." For Du Bois's full indictment of BTW's involvement with the black press see Du Bois to Oswald Garrison Villard, Mar. 24, 1905, below.

To Anna Thomas Jeanes

[Tuskegee, Ala.] March 1, 1905

My dear Miss Jeanes: I have just received your kind letter of February 25th. I write to say that I could use to the very greatest advantage \$10,000 in the way that you suggest. There are few greater needs than that, especially if the money is used in a way to stimulate self-help, and that would be the manner in which I should like to use it.

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this way.

I shall try to get some others to help in the matter of the dining room. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

TLpS Con. 29 BTW Papers DLC.

To Timothy Thomas Fortune

[Tuskegee, Ala.] March 1, 1905

My dear Mr. Fortune: I have your letter of February 24th regarding the Hayes meeting. I think the whole difficulty grew out of the fact that most of our pretended leaders are filled with jealousy to such an extent that it is impossible for them to pursue any constructive policy; their whole stock in trade consists in trying to tear down or minimize the work of somebody else. They seem to think that they will build themselves up in proportion as they can curse one of their fellows. Charley Morris I think is mentally unbalanced.

You have not said anything about going to the inauguration. I