

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers
From Harry Scythe Cummings

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Dear Dr Washington: Maryland has done herself proud.

The Poe Amendment has been defeated by nearly 25,000 majority and in the landslide we have elected our local ticket. We will control sufficient votes and more — in the legislature — to prevent the presentation of any peculiar measure to the people for at least two years.

Our colored voters did nobly all over the state. The work of the Suffrage League and its friends has borne good fruit. I cannot thank you too much for your interest in us and your practical assistance.¹

I hope to see you soon when I can explain more fully the fight and its results.

With kindest wishes I am Sincerely Yours

Harry S. Cummings

ALS Con. 2 BTW Papers DLC.

¹ BTW had sent a small amount to aid the Maryland campaign against disfranchisement, in addition to an earlier sum toward printing and distributing pamphlets for the cause. (BTW to Cummings, Nov. 3, 1905, Con. 2, BTW Papers, DLC.)

An Item in the *Washington Post*

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BOOKER WASHINGTON'S OVERCOAT

Far be it from us to tamper with Secretary Loeb's delicate yet trenchant witticism in connection with the Hengelmuller-Washington incident. We leave that gem to sparkle by itself, and even our admiration is leveled at it from a carefully and reverently measured distance, but the Hengelmuller-Washington incident may still be discussed from another point of view, and a very important one, without invading the hallowed arena of jeu d'esprit