

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

From Emmett Jay Scott

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. January 31, 1906

Dear Mr. Washington: I sent you a Conservator a day or two ago. I notice that much of the stuff which appears in that issue is a matrix of the matter that appeared in the Guardian the week before. I notice also that the same stuff appears in the Broadax of Chicago. This fellow is industrially doing whatever his resources will permit him to do in the way of being nasty. It is only such creatures as Wilkins and Broadax-Taylor,¹ however, that can be used by him.

I note your letter with regard to Mr. Alexander's telephone message.² The Guardian came out last week with a good deal less matter but as slanderous as ever. I trust that the newspaper Union will hold out against further printing this defamatory sheet. Yours truly,

E J Scott

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¹ Julius F. Taylor, BTW's severest critic in Chicago, was editor of the Chicago *Broad Ax* from 1899, when he moved the newspaper to Chicago from Salt Lake City, until 1931. A Democrat and supporter of William Jennings Bryan, Taylor often bitterly denounced black Republicans. He frequently assailed BTW as "the greatest white man's 'Nigger' in the world," and "the Great Beggar of Tuskegee." After 1910, however, Taylor moderated his views of BTW and even printed news releases from Tuskegee. He argued that his change of heart was due to the fact that BTW was less active in politics and was devoting more time to purely educational work. (Spear, *Black Chicago*, 82-83.)

² This exchange contained the same information as the letter from Charles Alexander, Jan. 25, 1906, above.

To Booker Taliaferro Washington, Jr.

[New York City] February 1, 1906

Dear Booker: I have received your letter of the 28th and I am glad indeed to hear from you. I am especially glad to know that you are getting on so well and making such a good record for yourself. It is