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no effort to go forward in the direction that other races are making progress because it has gotten into the habit of crying and can do nothing else.

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To Ray Stannard Baker

[Tuskegee, Ala.] February 1, 1907

Dear Mr. Baker: I beg to return herewith proofs of your article which is to appear in the April American.

Let me tell you how much pleased I am with the careful and impartial way in which you have chronicled events leading up to and succeeding the Atlanta riot. I do feel, however, that I ought to express my disappointment because you use the small N (n) for "Negro" through it. I believe Negro should be capitalized as much as Indian, Filipino, or any other of the race varieties. The New York Tribune, and the Doubleday Page publications carry the capital N for Negro, and I believe you could well do the same thing. Self-respecting Negroes who are not ashamed of the term Negro, are always very much disappointed when they find themselves treated as a common noun, instead of as a race variety carrying capital letters in publications, just as others of our citizenship.

I am sure that great good will follow as a result of the publication of your articles. I have read this one with real interest. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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