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From Emmett Jay Scott

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. May 3, 1906

Dear Mr. Washington: There is something very interesting about the Voice of the Negro which I am sending you today. In the first part of the magazine Barber tries to damn everything as far as he can with faint praise. In an editorial, however, in the last part of the magazine Dr. Bowen unstintedly praises everything. A curious publication from that point of view. Yours truly,

E. J. Scott

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From Kelly Miller

Washington, D.C., May 6, 1906

My Dear Dr Washington: Since seeing you here in Washington, Sen Blair has recovered his health and has been very active in our matter. He has had frequent conferences with Sen Foraker, Hopkins¹ and others as to the wisest plan of procedure. Some time ago Sen Foraker introduced an amendment providing equal accommodation for all inter-state passengers. This of course we could not sanction; for that would be merely the legal enactment of conditions which it is claimed now exist. Upon our insistence Sen. B. prepared the form of an amendment which goes "the whole hog" and demands that inter-state carriers shall make no discrimination in the choice of accommodations on part of inter-state passengers on account of race color or previous condition. Senator Hopkins has consented to feel the pulse of the senate on this measure, and will introduce it if he finds for it a decent support among his colleagues. So you may imagine it was quite a task to find any one who would even consider it for a moment.

We feel that more has already been accomplished than we set out to do. The original purpose was to keep a sharp eye on things so as to see that no negative legislation was put through on this line. While we are not sanguine enough to hope for affirmative action on the proposed amendment, still we are assured that it will