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Timothy Thomas Fortune to Emmett Jay Scott

Red Bank, N.J., Sept. 7, 1907

Dear Scott: Recognizing the shattered condition of my health and the imperative urgency of taking a long rest, on the 4th instant I transferred my interest in the New York Age Publishing Company to Fred R. Moore. A meeting of the stockholders was called for yesterday afternoon to elect new officers and define a new policy.

Of course Mr. Moore could only pay for my stock in notes, for the most part.

How am I to live? There is little enough in sight, but God will provide. He never fails those who repent of their sins and accept His promise to the Believer. As soon as I have completed the transfer of interest I plan to go to Tuskegee to remain indefinitely, where I am very sure the ravens will feed me. With love for you and the dear house, Yours in Christ,

Timothy Thomas Fortune

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From Emmett Jay Scott

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama September 10, 1907

My dear Mr. Washington: The enclosed letter from Dr. Ernest Lyon explains itself. It is quite probable that you will not be reaching Washington far ahead of the hour you are to speak, but this matter is so important that I have decided to burden you with it. A few minutes private conference with some of the officials of the State department would accomplish great good, I am sure, and, at the same time, your influence at the critical moment would be thrown on the side of preserving the autonomy of the Negro Republic of Liberia.

You will, I am sure, as Dr. Lyon suggests keep in mind his suggestion that his communication *is confidential* and that nothing