

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers
From Richard Theodore Greener

Storer College, Harper's Ferry, [W.Va.] July 31st, 1906

Private and Confidential

My dear friend: I have been here recuperating for a few days. Not that I need much vacation. I have had quite enough in the past six months. I am sorry McKinlay and I, missed you. There was much I had to talk about. Since, I am here, I learn of the approaching "Niagara" convention, to be held here. My intent has been to return here in any event. Now, I seem to see a chance to be present, as a spectator, and perchance have an opportunity to say a word, in reconciliation of apparently conflicting elements, which at the present time, of all others, ought to be completely in harmony, to be effective. Will you be north again before this Niagara meeting? If so, can you not let me know, in advance, so that we can have a private talk over the situation. I should consider it a privilege to have a chance to hold up your hands — did you really need it, or, at any rate, do some thing to reciprocate your consistent friendship of twenty-two years standing. There's nothing new in my matter. Durham has just sent me copy of a letter he has of his own volition addressed to the President. I am simply biding my time. The Republican party can scarcely afford to disgrace me, at my time of life. Hope you enjoyed your trip northward. Regards to all. Sincerely Yours,

R. T. Greener

I return to Washington, today. My address, #1940-11th St. N.W.

ALS Con. 322 BTW Papers DLC. Scott docketed the letter with the remark: "Here is a good chance to get a good friend into the inner portals of the Niagara meeting. He gives his Washington address in case you want to write him. He writes in grateful & sincere terms. E J Scott 8/2."

To Wallace Buttrick

[Traveling in Midwest]¹ August 3, 1906

Dear Dr. Buttrick: The meeting referred to in my recent letter ought to have been, "The Lake George meeting."