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August 16, 1904

Tuskegee, Ala.,

Personal and Confidential

Judge Thomas G. Jones.  
Montgomery, Ala.

My dear Sir:-

I have received your kind letter of recent date, which has been forwarded me from Tuskegee, and I thank you for calling the matter to my attention.

I have from the first refused to have anything to do with the application of persons for office in Alabama unless the President asked me my opinion concerning the fitness of individuals. You would be surprised to know the number of people who have come to me personally and also written me urging me to use my influence with you for positions in your office and under your jurisdiction, but, as you know, I have never mentioned the subject to you and never intend to. You know better what the public service demands in your department than I <sup>could</sup> possibly know, and hence, if for no other reason,

I have refused to meddle into such matters. Murphy, the colored man to whom you refer, has not seen me nor written me nor in any way approached me concerning the position which he is seeking. If he should approach me, however, in a personal way, I should give him the same kind of advice that you have given him.

Since receiving your letter I have taken the liberty to indicate to parties in Alabama what I know to be the President's feeling upon the subject of doing anything that would stir up the race question.

I had heard nothing before about the intended appointment of Murphy until I received your letter.

I have treated your letter in a purely confidential manner and not given its contents to <sup>any one,</sup> yours truly,

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PRIVATE

Judge Thomas G. Jones,

U.S. Postoffice Building, Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Sir:

I have made very careful note of your letter of August 20, but the pressure of many matters prevented my sending a reply earlier than now. Of course, it is not at all necessary for any argument to satisfy me of your disinterested concern in the welfare of my people. I have abundant confidence on that score, as I think you well know.

Murphy, to whom you again refer, has not written me even once, about the matter of his appointment in the Marshall's office. If he should write me, I should then be in a position to advise with him frankly and in all candor.

Thanking you most heartily for the unrestrained manner in which you have written me, and with fullest appreciation of same, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Booker T. Washington*

