

July 15, 1902.

The Secretary of Wellesley College,
Wellesley, Mass.

Dear Madam:

We have been asked whether we would be willing to receive into this school a daughter of Mr. Booker T. Washington. The daughter in question was a student, I understand, in Wellesley College during the past year, and I am desirous of knowing what impression she made there. I am wondering also why she does not continue her work in the college.

I should esteem it a great favor if you would kindly write me a word about her character, ability, scholarship, general appearance and bearing--anything, in fact, that would aid us in deciding the question of admitting her here. The race question aside, was she a desirable student?

May I ask also whether the race question caused any difficulty? Was Miss Washington on the same footing with the other students?

Trusting you may be able to give me an early reply, and thanking you for the trouble involved,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Rev.) Samuel V. Cole, Principal.

P. S. Of course I shall hold in strict confidence whatever you may write.