My dear Dr. Dubois:

Yours Feb. 3d came to hand in due course of mail. I had already settled the bill of Murray Brothers for printing.

Since I became treasurer of the N. M., I have received only $10.00; $3 of which came from E. Justin Carter; $5 from Frank J. Lewis; $7 from the Danbar Circle, of this City, for annual dues of said members, and $2 a donation to the Movement by Mr. Stanberry Boyce, of Jacksonville, Fla.

I have paid out the following sums:

- For postage.................................. $1.00
- For one loose-leaf ledger.......................... 4.00
- 800 Mimeograph letters.......................... 7.00
- Mrs. Roy for stenographic work.................. 75
- Murray Bros. bill ordered by Dr. Dubois......... 8.75

Total.......................... $41.75

From this you will see that I have spent $22.95 more than I have received.

I have made some effort here in the city to get the Washington members to pay up their dues. A number of them have promised to
do so in the near future. I have sent out 50 letters to delinquent and expect to mail a letter and bill to each one of the other delinquents within the next two weeks. I have arranged for the meeting of the Finance Committee and these gentlemen have promised to help me in the financial work, so that I am hoping that some funds for the N. M. will be forthcoming shortly. I will keep you informed as to the results of these efforts and shall be glad to forward you any funds that may come in hand as I am sure you are in need of money with which to prosecute the work.

The Niagara Movement men in this city are beginning to get busy. They are arranging for a big meeting next week and Messrs. Archibald Grinke, Judson W. Lyons and myself have been appointed a committee to address a letter to the leading politicians in the South of our own race concerning the coming Republican convention. I enclose copy of the letter and have been requested by the committee to ask your approval of same and to inform you that we have seen Bishop Walters and other prominent members of the Afro-American Council who have decided to join you and the committee in signing said letter.

It is our intention to mail a thousand copies of this letter to as many colored politicians in the South and to make each letter
Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois:

The letter is to be sent out, if agreeable to you, in the name of the Niagara Movement and the Afro-American council. Bishop Walters has kindly promised to furnish us a facsimile of his autograph in rubber that we may sign the letters in his own name. If you have a facsimile of your autograph, please send it to me with the authority to use it in signing these letters, and I will make use of it and return it at once. If you have not a facsimile, please send me your signature written plainly on a white paper that will not blot and give me the authority to have the facsimile made of same.

Do not become discouraged, for now that the holidays are over, with, I think we shall soon begin to receive funds for the movement.

I wish you success and good health and beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

(Enclosure)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 11, 1908.

Dear Sir:

We address this letter to you because we believe you to be deeply interested in everything which makes for the uplift and advancement of our people in this country.

You are well acquainted with the fact that our race in many parts of the United States has been robbed of the franchise and in most sections their manhood-rights are greatly abridged or denied them altogether; and we think you believe as we do, that any people who would enjoy the full privileges accorded them by the Constitution of the United States must contend for them.

The Constitution of our country guarantees to every citizen certain inalienable rights, but only when the Constitution is respected and obeyed by all will the rights of all be safe. It must be admitted by every sane man that the Constitution is being frequently violated; now if an end is ever to be put to these violations, it must be done by statesmen who are brave enough to face the frowns of the law-breakers and contend for the rights of all the people. Statesmen who are heroic enough and wise enough to insist that the Constitution shall protect all alike and be respected alike by all, are few: among this small number of fair-minded and liberty-loving men in public office, is the Honorable Joseph Hansen Fosher. He has led, as you know, an unselfish and heroic fight, in the United States Senate, before the courts, through
the press and on the platform, for the Constitutional rights of
the entire people of America and in so doing he has won the right
to the approbation and support of every citizen of the United
States, and especially of every colored-American citizen. If we
ever expect, as a people, to be accorded the rights guaranteed
us by the Constitution of the United States, we must have the ap-
proval and help of such fearless and unselfish statesmen as Mr.
Foraker, but we can not reasonably hope for such assistance unless
we prove to these men by our actions, as well as by our words, that
we appreciate the stand they take for human rights and the observ-
ance on the part of all of the Constitution. Unless this is
done, we shall find in the future that men in the political world
will be slow to espouse the cause of the common people, --especially
the cause of the black man.

Mr. Foraker, as you know, is seeking the nomination for
President at the hands of the Republican Party this year, and it
seems to us, your brethren in the North and West, that every jus-
tice-loving person (without regard to race or color) in this
country, but especially every colored-American ought to support
him in this effort: first, because, he is a fit man for the posi-
tion, and secondly, because he is heroic enough and unselfish
enough to contend that the Constitution shall be respected by all
and shall protect all alike, and you know that all we, as a people,
are demanding is that we be accorded the rights guaranteed us under
the Constitution.

If you can not get the party in your District to send a
"Foraker" delegation to Chicago in June, will you not do all in
your power to have the delegates sent to the convention "uninstruct-
ed", so that they may be free to vote for the nomination of the
Honorable Joseph Benson Foraker, should it appear that he is the
choice of the majority of the Northern and Western delegates? By
doing this you will prove to the world and to Mr. Foraker that we
as a race are not a set of imbeciles and that we are determined to
support the men who dare contend for the full and fair enforcement
of the Constitution and that it shall be respected and obeyed by
every person whether he be white or black, rich or poor. Such a
stand on our part will stimulate the right thinking white men in
politics to join in the defense of the Constitution and to insist
that every citizen shall enjoy the rights which it guarantees.

We believe you will readily see the wisdom of the course
of action indicated herein and will do what you can to help secure
to our outraged and oppressed people the rights vouchsafed to them
by the Constitution of the United States by having a man nominated
and elected as President who will obey the Constitution himself and
see to it, as far as he is able, that everyone else obeys it.

We are yours for the Manhood-rights of the Race,