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Miss Elisabeth Freeman,
269 West 12th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

My Dear Miss Freeman:-

To begin, let me indulge in the obvious; I am sending this at the time and to the place most likely to catch you — at home, resting after your whirlwind tour of the country.

While I would have been disappointed if you had felt otherwise, I am distressed because you took the broken engagement so serious, (highly inconsistent this; is it not?)

When our heavy feet finally bore us to the meeting, we were late, (purposely, I think). A fine expectant crowd had assembled. I felt compassion toward them on the account of the tidings I bore; but I shook myself together, presented the telegrams, voiced your regret and launched into a somewhat spirited tribute to your loyalty, zeal and worth, which occupied the better part of the evening. I can assure you a royal welcome when you return.

I did not see Miss Lape, but was told on arriving that a substitute had been rejected. A local difference was responsible for this, which mattered little, for the colored people here are almost solid for Hughes.

Was the impression correct that you contemplated work as organizer of the N. A. A. C. P. ? I am hoping so, I would like to do something to aid the best little organizer there is.