

To: Alice Ruth Moore From: Paul Dunbar
New Orleans, La.

[Aug. 1895]
Dayton - Ohio.

Dear Miss Moore:

With sorer thought, I have become convinced that my last letter to you proved me a most consummate donkey. I am sorry that I had no more sense than to take such an advantage of the consideration you have shown me.

I feel sure that I have offended you and dread your answer.

I know that my letter was rash, ill-considered and presumptuous, and I grieve that it should be so. For the feelings it expressed, I have no wish to apologize. I can't help them, am not ashamed of them & wouldn't change them if I could.

I know that I deserve a rebuke at your hands but please do not be too hard upon me. If you are greatly offended, forgive me and be with me as if that letter had not been written.

Sincerely, your Friend -

Paul Laurence Dunbar.

