

Miss Lottie Goodman  
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Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am sorry to trouble you, especially not knowing you, but at times circumstances compel us to do things we never thought we would have to do.

My father and mother are very old, my father has always been a manager of a sugar estate, and as you know that is the most thing Barbados exports and it is the most living here for decent white men, but now he is living off a very small pension.

My living has always been fancy work but the sale has gone down quite a lot on account of the stores importing machine embroidery, and I find it very hard to live. I read about you and saw your picture in the G. S. Monitor, and as I saw your picture I felt the presence of God and I felt sure to write you and I would get some help ever so little. I feel you are both kind and full of sympathy and that you would try and bestow some compassion on me in my needs.

I do hope your heart will be touched and that I will hear from you very soon.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yrs truly  
Lottie Goodman

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