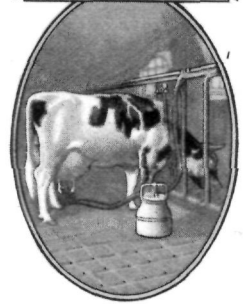


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Cockeysville, Md., Dec. 6th, 1931.

Hon. Gov. Albert C. Ritchie,
Annapolis, Md.

Hon. Sir:- We sincerely trust you will abandon the idea of prosecuting the men who hung the murderer at Salisbury. Those people are most likely able to meet their peculiar problems. Under existing conditions there, the results are what might be expected. We are persuaded that you have too keen a knowledge of human trend to even attempt to interfere with or correct the actions of ^a body of people who were intent upon wreaking vengeance upon a criminal of low type who had robbed them of a respectable, valuable citizen. The inert act was, no doubt, provoked on account of the delay in meting justice to Lee. The prepondering number of unscrupulous lawyers prompted by selfish motives rather than being intent upon seeking justice, often delay trial, frequently on ridiculous grounds, to such a degree that the people are generally disgusted with law and are really pardonable in cases like the one at Salisbury, in taking the matter in hand and effecting immediate disposition.

The American citizenry as a whole are forbearing to a marked degree. But when forbearance ceases to be a virtue, they rise up emphatically and insist upon right prevailing. We are wondering how much longer they will endure existing national injustices, one of the outstanding which you so fearlessly, nobly and ably oppose. It is our sincere desire that this nation becomes sufficiently cognizant of your abilities to place you at its head in 1932.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. H. Shank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.