

127 Milburn Street.
Elkton, Maryland.
December 23rd, 1931.

The Honorable Mr. A. Ritchie
Governor of Maryland.
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear sir.

As a race man and a citizen of this Country. I am hereby forwarding you this letter for your careful consideration, on behalf of the American Negroe. Dealing solely on the "lynching" of same.

It is a matter of fact, that these cases are becoming more prevalent.---For we find within a week of the previous month, we have on record, "three lynchings". One in Maryland, and two in West Virginia. The latter happening in the same town.---Surely there must be some solution to solve this difficult problem.

We appreciate very highly the things you have done for us.--- But the greatest desire that over a million Negroes are asking now, is, ample protection from "mob violence".---We want the protection that will prohibit our being taken from jails.-- Only to be tortured, hanged, and our bodies riddled with bullets by "mobs"

Statistics prove that we are a law abiding people. And it is a matter of fact, that we do approve of the law taking it's course. But the mobs claim they do these things to set examples. ---So why not inforce the "law" to punish the members of the "mobs" for the same reason? Do we have to submit to protect ourselves? Or shall the law be efficient enough to give us ample protection? As has been stated before, something must be done.

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