

An Eastern Shoreman On Lynching

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir*: In regard to the Salisbury lynching, certainly there has been enough said in wholesale condemnation of the Eastern Shore. All of which has been so unjust that the vigorous defense made by others is almost superfluous and unnecessary.

But, sir, I think it is necessary that the law-abiding citizens of that heretofore delightful little city should give us all to understand beyond a doubt that they regard that affair as having been an outburst of ferocity and human depravity, such as none but people of the baser sort can look upon with any degree of allowance. And that they are doing their best to wipe away the shame by bringing the leaders to punishment. Not only that, but that when it becomes manifest they are unable to accomplish it, they will gladly welcome outside aid. If they do not the whole country will remember it against them and harsh judgment will properly continue.

Further, if there is no authority only such as is vested in Wicomico county to deal with such a case, then we better set to work at once to originate a movement for a measure that will give the State such authority. This writer would have that burst of mob rage punished by legal process. Otherwise we are all put to shame, and not Salisbury only.

As a postscript I wish to add I have just been told that Salisbury is doing just nothing to redeem herself.

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