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Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Ritchie:

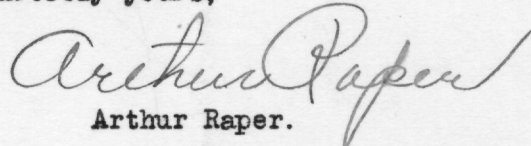
Attached I am sending you a copy of the summary findings of the Southern Commission on the Study of Lynching.

You are acquainted with the fact that Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. P. King, Book Editor of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, Mr. Julian Harris, of the Atlanta Constitution, Dr. Howard W. Odum, of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Alex Spence, a lawyer, of Dallas, Texas, and other outstanding Southern men have cooperated in this study.

The Southern Commission feels that you would be particularly interested in chapters 7, 8, and 12 of the report, dealing with peace-officers and the National Guard, what the courts have done about lynchings, and suggestions for the further reduction of lynchings.

When you have looked over this pamphlet we will appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,


Arthur Raper.

P. S. I know the people of Maryland are humiliated by the recent lynching at Salisbury. The Southern Commission on the Study of Lynching entertains the hope that the mob leaders will be punished.

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