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Honorable Albert C. Richie,
Governor of the State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Sir:

We, the District Superintendents of the Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, desire to submit to you for your consideration the inclosed statement as our protest against the lynching of Mathew Williams in the Town of Salisbury, Maryland, December 4, 1931, also that of Thomas Jackson and George Banks in the City of Lewisburg, West Virginia, December 10, 1931.

We address these communications to you, as officials of high rank in both state and national affairs of our Government, believing that your fairness toward all American citizens, regardless of color or creed, will cause you to use the power and influence of your official position to awaken the mind and conscience of America against mob violence and lynching which is a blot upon America in the face of the world and in the sight of God, the Father and Creator of mankind.

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Very respectfully yours,

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