

12/22/31.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
~~GOVERNOR~~ Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir,

There is a report that Mr. Menckin and Editors of the Baltimore Sun will be summonsed before the coroners Jury in the Lynching of the Negro Williams case, So I thought it my duty as a Friend of yours, and a citizen of Baltimore to tell you the authentic facts as to the citizens of the Eastern Shoremans feeling towards the above parties, It is mentioned frequently that they will get what the Negro got if they appear, and Im sure they will be exposed to great danger, and as you know, No one person can tell what a mob will do after they get going, especially when this mob is made up with K. K. K. (Userpers) Therefore SUGGEST that you protect your name & State by and thru sending ample protection to The Editors of baltimore sun & Mr. Menckin, The latter is in the greatest danger of the rope, Fire & mutilation.

Another important thing that I have tried to find facts about is, Who had charge of the prisnor at hospital, Now if he was the Sheriffs prisnor, Then the Sheriff was very lax in his duty, In fact showed that he is not fit to be a Sheriff, You see other Sheriffs (recently) were on the job and did get their prnor to the baltimore city jail, and the sheriff of Wicomico Co, had ample time to do so if he was the right type man to be a sheriff. It was reported in the papers that the sheriff had the pistol used in the murder, but I see no reports of where the negro got the pistol, In other words no investigation on this important feature, this is always did in the large citys, as it often fetches out important facts, For example, If the pistol was a part of equipment of Mr. Elliotts office, Then there is the question how did the negro get it, and further, if the negro borrowed from some one to do the deed, and that party knew about what was to be did with pistol, He then is liable. I do not see how the negro could buy a pistol thru 15¢ per hour for his labor, and only working a few days per week.

Will say as a friend, the greater amount of people on the Eastern-shore of Deleware, Maryland, And Virginia are K. K. K. and their motto is Userpinning, This is a fact, and the spooner it is crushed the better, for our past and present for of government.

A Friend.