

Salisbury Must Do Its Duty

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir*: The efforts of the Sunpapers to redeem the fair fame of the Eastern Shore by pressing the authorities to seek out and punish the foul murderers of a helpless and friendless Negro deserve and should receive the thanks of every decent resident and taxpayer of that section of the State.

The Shore has built up an enviable reputation as a delightful place of residence and sojourn during the last few years. This reputation has been shaken if not shattered by the ferocious demonstration at Salisbury; but Salisbury will not suffer alone; the whole Eastern Shore is on trial. It cannot wholly remove the general impression that it is an unsafe place; that Salisbury, its principal city, is a sort of rural "Hell's Kitchen," in which no one would willingly reside, where cruelty is enjoyed, murder condoned and desperadoes shielded and applauded. That impression prevails and will last.

The best that can be done is for its decent citizenry to assert itself, aid in the detection and punishment of its brute element and thereby afford its well-wishers at least an argument in its favor.

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