

## *Reassuring*

**T**HE FACT that Attorney General Lane has gone personally to the Eastern Shore to pursue his investigation of the Matthew Williams lynching gives assurance to the people of Maryland that the matter is not being permitted to drop.

There was danger that the sound and fury caused by the Eastern Shore's resentment at Baltimore's attitude; the talk of boycotts, secession, etc., might submerge the primary necessity of re-establishing the honor of Maryland justice. This honor will be stained until the law punishes the Salisbury lynchers.

There have been plenty of indications that the Salisbury authorities and the Wicomico County authorities cannot be depended upon to effect this punishment. They have made high-sounding statements, but have done little.

The responsibility, then, is on Attorney General Lane. That he is going personally to the scene of the mob's crime is evidence of the fact that the State of Maryland is jealous of its reputation for legal decency, regardless of one of its parts.

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