Honorable Westmoreland Davis,
Governor of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

Sir:

In behalf of the law abiding people of the country, allow me to thank you for your prompt action in setting in motion the machinery of the law aiming to bring to justice those who have smirched the fair name of Virginia.

The lynching at Culpepper was a grievous miscarriage of justice. We are informed that a white boy about fourteen years old was released from the same jail on the night Thompson was lynched, and that that boy was held pending a trial for outraging a colored child of about seven years of age.

We hope that your machinery will clear away all doubt in this matter and will reestablish the reign of law in the Mother State of our institutions and our laws. Let "Sic Semper Tyranis" be the truth as well as the ideal.

Sincerely,

Chairman, Uptown Colored Business Men's Conference,
Washington, D.C.