

~~With Malice towards none but with~~  
~~charity for all~~

Rev Jackson:

My dear Sir: It

affords me great pleasure to receive your very moving and impressive letter. I do not know whether the ~~League~~ National Citizens Rights Association, is to be the beginning of a great and beneficent movement or not is to count us one of those well intended failures to awaken the public conscience to the need of doing justice as the first prerequisite of enduring national peace and substantial prosperity.

I only know that it came into existence without ~~premeditation~~ premeditation or from any previous consultation or arrangement. It has grown in the two weeks since the first certificate of membership was issued beyond all hope or anticipation, that every member has asked in writing to become such and has pledged his best  
over

effort to its extension. That no one  
has been solicited for influence or  
favor and no fee or remuneration  
required. The demand for certificates  
is greater than I am able to sign  
and after this a stamp will be em-  
ployed. Some days we are a little  
behind in money for printing and  
then a little ahead. Thus far not  
a cent has been paid for labor. Next  
week we shall hire a clerk. We find  
that every member proves a nucleus  
and appointments come from the  
most unexpected places. If it suc-  
ceeds it will cement as never  
before the sentiment of justice in  
our people. I do not feel that I  
have anything to do with the mat-  
ter except to prevent ~~the~~ dissension.  
I have no doubt that good will  
result at all events which is the  
main thing. I cannot see that my  
special credit is due to me beyond the  
mere fact of a timely suggestion.  
Yours very truly.