

Hamilton, Kansas.

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Hon. Albion W. Tupper
Marville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:- Although personally unknown to you allow me to thank you for the manly, straight forward fight you are carrying on the behalf of our colored brothers. The present condition of affairs is in my opinion one of the gravest that any country has ever been confronted with. A country that has ever been ready to fight for the protection of her citizens abroad can not or will not protect them at home and every year we solemnly point to our flag and boast of its protection it accords to the citizens of this favored

country! It seems to be curious
for the country claiming to
stand in the foremost ranks
of the nineteenth century
to have in the latter quarter
of the same century contrack-
ed the lawlessness and
fiendlike propensity for tor-
ture of the dark ages. And
all this done simply to
show their contempt for
their country's laws!

The retiring President had
a great opportunity to con-
demn these evils. Entering of-
fice bound by no political
tie to the states where these
outrages are carried on, him-
self fleeing flight in defence
of the ideal and last, but
not least, swearing to sup-
port that document that
says "No man shall be deprived
of life liberty or property

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without trial or due process of
law. Still in the face of his
solemn oath, he persisted in
honoring that element of the
South that has always been
opposed to the negro. This was
clearly shown by his conduct
in regard to the Charleston Post
Office and his appointment
to the supreme bench.

The men concerned in these
outrages are not merely ~~lawless~~
murderers, but rebels and
traitors as well. Such places
as Paris, Texas if it is clearly
the duty of the President to
declare under martial law
and all persons concerned
in the outrage, should be declar-
ed out of law and shot by
military law upon identifi-
cation or handed over to
the National Government to

is dealt with as traitors. The
state government will never
deal justly with such crim-
inals as composed the Paris
mob.

I enclose a page from a
sample copy of a paper I
recently received bearing some-
what on this question. The
editor is evidently a South-
ern man or looks for a large
circulation from that por-
tion of the country, and
therefore criticised one of Amer-
ica's foremost authors with
an easy manner that is
certainly startling although
it is not quite clear what
what this has to do with
farming. He alludes to
a kind of temporary insan-
ity which in his fertile brain
is the cause of the tragedy
and in other ways his reason-

ing is decidedly faulty. It
would seem to me that the
proper cure for such cases
of temporary vicinity as
I occurred at Paris is a
solution of cold lead and
vine applied ~~in the~~ internally
or externally as the physi-
cian deems proper.

Sincerely,
Harvey S. Foster