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— Hon A. W. Langer
Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you upon a subject of vital importance, an explanation of which you will find in the enclosed circular. Please read and digest. Any suggestion, counsel or advice from you will be gratefully received. Our motives are honest. The purpose of the proposed convention as evidenced by the call, is to consider the Constitutional rights of our race, and demand protection from lynchings, murders, deprivations of civil rights, denial of citizenship and to secure the enforcement

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of the laws granting equal protection and justice to the race. Necessity impels us to this action. Knowing you to be a friend to the race we thought it proper to enclose you a circular and ask your cooperation so far as is consistent with your position in life. The local press have published our proceedings; but we want the world to be informed as to our movements. Can you help us in this? Please take the enclosed clipping, write an article to the "Inter-Ocean" or some other Northern Newspaper, so the people of

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the North may know that
we are awake to our
interests. We tried to get
the Southern Associated
press to give us a notice
but they positively refused.

With my most ardent
wishes for your health etc
I am very respectfully
etc.

M. C. O. Benjamin
305 - 18 Street
Birmingham
Ala.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and
most heartily approve the action
you have taken, it should be
production of great good. The un-
agreement of the Inter Ocean, having
discouraged the Bytander's
Notes, however, I am deprived
of any opportunity to contribute
in the way you sug-
gest to the welfare of
your people or the security
of American citizenship.

Sincerely Yours
