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Executive Department

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Advancement of Colored People,
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New York, N. Y.

I am in receipt of your communication of September 11th. Since this letter came I have not had opportunity to learn the facts concerning the lynchings to which you refer.

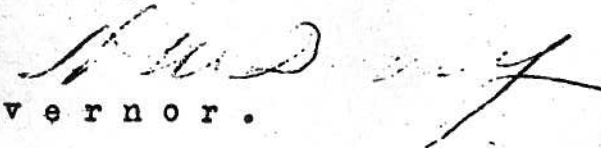
I will endeavor to ascertain what the facts are and will further communicate with you.

I condemn lynching and am doing all that I can to prevent it. I suggested to the last General Assembly the plan whereby I think the crime could be stopped.

You refer to my communication to the negroes of Augusta. I believe that if the negroes would exert their ultimate influence with the criminal element of their race and stop rapes that it would go a long way towards stopping lynchings.

I shall let you hear from me as soon as I am able to ascertain the facts concerning the particular occurrences to which you refer.

Yours truly,


Governor.