

June 14, 1898.

Hon. Robert P. Graham,
State Tax Commissioner,
Salisbury, Md.

Dear Sir:-

I have asked the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency of Philadelphia to send to Salisbury one of their best operatives to take up the lynching investigation.

I have sent to the operative a letter of introduction to you, and have suggested that he go to Salisbury on Friday or Saturday of this week.

Very respectfully,



Secretary of State.

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Mr. E. S. Gaylor, Superintendent,
Pinkerton's National Detective Agency,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:-

I want to secure for the State the service of one of your Agents in an effort to locate the "ring-leaders" concerned in the recent lynchings in this State.

I will be glad if you will send one of your best operatives to Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland, as soon as possible, there to place himself in communication with Hon. Robert P. Graham, an attorney, who resides at that place. Mr. Graham will give the officer full information. It is desirable that the officer should keep me posted as to the progress of his work.

It is understood that the cost of this service is eight (\$8.00) dollars a day and expenses.

Mr. Graham has been notified to look out for the officer. I would suggest that the officer go to Salisbury on Friday or Saturday of this week. I understand that Mr. Graham will be out of town on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

I enclose a letter of introduction to the latter.
Very respectfully,



Secretary of State.

(Enclosure).
(Dictated--d).