

# TO QUERY PASTOR ON LYNCHING

Rev. Mr. Mace, Says Justice Potec,  
Will Be Asked For Information.

Rev. S. M. Mace, pastor of the Independent Methodist Church, of Brooklyn, Anne Arundel county, will be summoned by Justice Potec, at the Brooklyn Police Station, this afternoon to tell what he knows of the lynching of the negro, King Johnson, who was taken from that station and shot early Christmas morning.

"Mr. Mace has been one of those who have severely criticised the police of Brooklyn and myself for failure to apprehend the lynchers," said Justice Potec. "He has stated, I understand, that he heard members of his congregation discuss the anticipated lynching Sunday night. I am going to ask him to turn over to me any information he may have secured from these discussions."

Yesterday morning Justice Potec received an anonymous letter, mailed in Baltimore Wednesday night, from a man who stated that he had seen the lynching party organize and who gave the names of several men, in Fairfield, Brooklyn and Curtis Bay who, he declared, had been in the gang. The letter stated that Johnson had been assaulted by Frank Schwab, who threatened to cut him to pieces, and that the negro shot in self-defense. Most of the names given were those of men who were either close friends or relatives of Frederick Schwab, whom the negro had killed. The name of a man to whom Frederick Schwab was closely attached was given as the leader of the party.

Justice Potec declared that he would take no notice of such a letter. Some time ago he received a similar anonymous letter which he traced to a negro living in Fairfield.