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Esteemed friend:

I am very glad to note they stand in the matter of the rapist. threatened with lynching. I will ask thy consideration of the article enclosed, contributed lately to the Christian Statesman, upon a suggested Salutory Penalty for the crime of rape. Thy personal view upon the suggestion I would be glad to know. The Medical News of Phila. expects to treat upon it.

Being a stranger to thee, I may refer to my acquaintance with the late Dr. Stevens Mendenhall. of High Point, who was known to and had the confidence of many persons in official positions in NC.

Very truly,

Josiah W. Leeds

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P.S. - As a correspondent of the Howard Association of London (instituted under the presidency of Lord Brougham, for the consideration of matters of Prison Discipline, & Penology generally) I design forwarding an acct. of the incident above alluded to. If thy view upon the other matter can be freely given, I should like to use it also in the same connection. If thou approves of the penalty at all, I have no doubt that it would be as applicable to all violations of virtue equally, without regard to skin or nationality.