

JURY AFTER LYNCHERS

Judge Brashears Orders Firm Hold

Taken On The Case.

HE BLAMES SALOONS IN PART

Exonerates Sheriff Beasley, Declaring County Commissioners Were Responsible For Negro's Safety.

Following a vigorous charge from Judge James R. Brashears, the grand jury of the October term of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, which was especially reconvened at Annapolis yesterday, lost no time in returning an indictment against Albert Tyler, 26 years old, the Eastport murderer, charged with killing his wife and son-in-law and assaulting, with intent to kill, his daughter, after which it began its investigation of the lynching that took place at Brooklyn early Christmas morning, when King Johnson, otherwise known as King Davis, colored, was taken from the Brooklyn lock-up and shot to death.

The lynching, he said Judge Brashears, was deplorable in the extreme.

He took occasion to administer a rebuke to Rev. Kenneth M. Craig, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Brooklyn, who declared that the county police and the selection of juries are dominated by corrupt politicians. Judge Brashears dismissed this charge with the remark that it was entirely unfounded and that Mr. Craig did not know what he was talking about. He declared that Mr. Craig was given full opportunity to aid the authorities, but had failed to avail himself of it. The Judge said that Mr. Craig was asked to appear as a witness before the October grand jury or to place in its hands any evidence of violations of the law that may have been brought to his attention, but that he failed to do either.

The keynote of the Judge's charge came when he not only urged the jurors to thoroughly probe the lynching, with the object of ferreting out the guilty parties, but to take hold with a firm hand and discover if possible whether or not the policemen of the Fifth district could be held culpable, and, if so, to bring them to trial.

Judge Brashears laid stress on the fact that this outrage was committed in a section of the county that for years has been notorious for acts of lawlessness. He held as partly responsible for the existing conditions the character of the saloons of the district, and said it was the duty of citizens of the whole county to interest themselves in not only their own neighborhood but to aid the county authorities in seeing that liquor licenses were granted only to persons who are qualified to conduct such places in an orderly manner.

Judge Brashears exonerated Sheriff Beasley from blame in connection with the lynching, stating that the Brooklyn police force is controlled by the County Commissioners, and that they were responsible for the safety of the murderer until delivered to the Sheriff at Annapolis.

Mr. David O. Baggett, a prominent merchant of Annapolis, is foreman of the jury that is investigating the case. The other members are:

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| W. Beale Owing, | John W. Diner, Jr., |
| Randolph B. Cromwell, | John R. Sheekella, |
| Robert P. Stevens, | Reuben M. Foyar, |
| T. Augustus Farfell, | Charles M. Frow, |
| Nathaniel T. Hatch, | Werna H. Davall, |
| Charles S. Ridout, | Hugh R. Wood, |
| Thomas A. Smith, | Cyrus S. Joyce, |
| Louis A. Stevens, | Nathan Childs, |
| John H. Tidings, | Joseph E. Collins, |
| John F. Strang, | Malton Disney, |
| J. Wilson Shipley, | Edward S. Sutton, |

Says He Meant Coroner's Jury.

"I referred to the coroner's jury of Brooklyn and not to the grand jury of Anne Arundel county in the interview which I gave out Wednesday," said Rev. Kenneth M. Craig, pastor of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, last night when he was asked about the criticism of himself made by Judge Brashears in his charge to the grand jury at Annapolis.

"Judge Brashears misunderstood me. I had no thought of reflecting in any way on him or his court or the grand jury of this county. In reply to Judge Brashears' accusation that I am apathetic in my attitude toward my duties as a citizen I would say that, without seeking cheap or any other kind of notoriety, I have always sought to do my duty as a clergyman and a citizen and I think the best citizens of Brooklyn will bear me out in this statement.

"In October Rev. Dr. W. W. Davis, chairman of the Lord's Day Alliance, urged me to seek evidence of violations of the Sabbath laws in Brooklyn. I replied that this was the duty of the police and that because of the extent to which I am known in Brooklyn it would be practically impossible for me to collect evi-