

# PUBLIC OPINION

## FROM PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

### Through the Courtesy of Senator France

President sends letter to Senator J. I. France upon receiving the Baltimore Colored Directory:

"The President has received your letter of November 29th, as well as its enclosure from Mr. Robert W. Coleman, and he asks if you will not be good enough to convey to Mr. Coleman an expression of appreciation of the courtesy which Mr. Coleman has been good enough to extend to him."

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Please accept my appreciation and thanks for your publication of the First Colored Directory of Baltimore City. In the course of the year I have occasion to refer to a number of business men, school teachers and others, and I find your directory an unfailing and reliable source of information. Your enterprise is an asset to the community. I wish you continued success.

Very truly yours,

MASON A. HAWKINS,  
Principal Colored High School.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I write to say that the National Business League is always pleased to make note of such enterprises as you are fostering. I hope that your Business Directory of Baltimore may receive the cordial support of the business and professional classes. The circulation of your booklet should prove incalculably helpful in advancing race pride, and at the same time bring about that encouragement of negro business so devoutly to be welcomed.

Yours very sincerely,

EMMETT J. SCOTT,  
Secretary National Negro Business League, Tuskegee, Ala.

My Dear Mr. Coleman:

Enclosed find herewith copy for the outside back cover page of your forthcoming Directory for Colored People of Baltimore City.

I am pleased to co-operate in this matter, for I believe the publication of a first-class directory will be of great value to all parties concerned. I am also pleased to co-operate in this because you are making a brave fight against great odds, and I wish to see you succeed. With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

J. O. SPENCER,  
President of Morgan College.

My Dear Mr. Coleman:

I think you have done a very excellent piece of work in getting out a colored directory of the City of Baltimore.

It will serve a great many purposes for the public of this, and of the other cities included in your work.

With best wishes for success, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL J. CURLEY,  
Archbishop of Baltimore.  
Baltimore, Md., June 4, 1923.

My Dear Mr. Coleman:

Permit me to thank you for the courtesy shown me by forwarding Twelfth Annual Edition of your directory of Baltimore City.

I congratulate you on the splendid manner in which this issue was prepared. I shall be only too happy to refer all inquiries concerning Baltimore to you, for I know that you are in a position to give the informants all information they might desire.

Very truly yours,

R. S. ABBOTT,  
President, Chicago Defender.

