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Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga.

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Mr. Charles Pearce,
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383 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Mr. Pearce:

Enclosed is the photograph of the members of the Republican Party in the South Carolina Legislature. It has been reproduced a great many times and usually used as an awful example of what Reconstruction did. This particular copy was circulated by Ben Tillman. Another copy will be found in Fleming's "Documentary History of Reconstruction". The more I look at the picture, however, the more I am struck with the fact that this is a peculiar confirmation and defense of Reconstruction. It seems to me that these colored men, some of them just out of slavery, and few of them more than a generation removed, are excellent human specimens.

I am sending it to you to ask if in some way this picture could not be reproduced. Of course, it has already been reproduced several times and this is evidently an enlargement. A proper reproduction for our purposes would call for careful retouching by an expert and should, of course, be advertised as a retouched photograph. But if a careful artist should try to bring out from this picture the evident lineaments and character of these men, would it not make a striking document?

I should be glad to have your judgment.

Very sincerely yours,

WEBB/DW