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Dr. L. K. Atwood

Jackson, Miss.

Dear sir:

For some time I have been making a study of the reconstruction period and in this connection I am trying to get the following information:

1. The number of colored men who were members of the Mississippi legislature.
2. Their names.
3. The greatest number of colored men who were members of the legislature at one time.
4. The total number of members in the legislature when it had its greatest number of colored members.

Major John R. Lynch has kindly sent me a list of the colored members of the Mississippi legislature who were elected in 1871, and has suggested that you would be able to secure from the Legislature Journal in the State Library in your city the names of the colored men that were members of the state Senate during the whole of the reconstruction period, and also the names of the colored members of the House who were elected in 1869 and 1873.

I am planning to make a general statement concerning the Negro and reconstruction in the 1915-1916 edition of the Negro Year Book which I am now getting ready for the press. I realize that I am asking a great deal of you but I trust that your interest in having the exact facts concerning the reconstruction period given to the general public will cause you to give me the information I am asking for.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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Editor Negro Year Book.