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Below is a Facsimile of the original "Call" to organize the American Tennis Association.

Baltimore, Md.

November 1, 1916.

Dear sir:—

A movement is on foot to organize a "National Tennis Association" among colored men, for the following purposes (1) to bring colored tennis enthusiasts and players into closer and friendlier relations, (2) to improve the standard of existing clubs, (3) to encourage the formation of new clubs, (4) to hold, annually a genuine, recognized, national championship tournament at such time and place as is deemed best by the association, (5) to regulate the time of playing local or regional tournaments in order to prevent conflicting or overlapping dates, (6) to appoint referees, to give official standing to such tournaments, and (7) to promote generally the standard of the game among colored men.

We believe that all the tendencies, experiences, and general conditions of the last few years point to the desirability of forming such an association.

To this end, a temporary organization has been formed by The Association Tennis Club, of Washington D. C., and The Monumental Tennis Club, of Baltimore, Md., which is requesting that each club send a representative, empowered to act for his club, to a meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. (12th St. near T St.) Washington, D. C. on Thursday, Nov. 30th (Thanksgiving Day) 1916, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The object of this meeting is to effect permanent a organization, elect officers and an executive committee (or board of governors) and draft a constitution for the control of the activities of the association. Your club is therefore most earnestly requested to send such a representative to this very important meeting and help in the organization of such a desirable and necessary body. Will you kindly let us know not later than November 17th, whether or not, your club will send a representative to his meeting? Or if your club approves of this movement and wishes to join the association, but cannot send a representative, will you kindly send a letter to that effect?

A similar letter is being sent to the clubs listed on the inside page.

Please notify any clubs of good standing in your locality (not already named) of this meeting and supply them with one of the inclosed circulars.

For information communicate with R. V. Cook, 406 Preastman St., Balto., Md.

Yours for tennis,

D. O. W. Holmes,
Chairman, Committee on Organization,

R. V. Cook, Secretary.