

COLORED PEOPLE MUST THANK GOD FOR THEIR FREEDOM.

COLOR AND NATIONAL
CELEBRATION

- OF THE -

27th ANNIVERSARY

- OF THE -

EMANCIPATION

PROCLAMATION

BY WHICH THE COLORED PEOPLE WERE SET FREE, AT THE

EXPOSITION
GROUNDS.

OCTOBER 15 16 & 17, '90.

There will be a general gathering and celebration of the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation of the freedmen of the United States held at the EXPOSITION GROUNDS in RICHMOND, VA. for three days commencing on Wednesday Oct 15 1890 and will be continued on Thursday and Friday the 16th and 17th.

It is a deplorable consideration when one thinks of how ungrateful and unthankful the colored citizens have been that they have failed to establish a

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING-DAY

to Almighty God for that inestimable blessing (freedom) for which our forefathers prayed for more than 200 years. We find it is consistent with the views of every rational colored man and woman and every patriotic white man, that the colored people establish a National Thanksgiving or Celebration Day to be strictly adhered to throughout all succeeding generations. Hence it will be the object of this body to set apart one day on this occasion for a general consultation and agreement upon some day to be annually observed as a day of prayer and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for having blotted out slavery from our land. The result of which marked a new era in the history of the Nation's existence. The committee advises that as many of the old costumes and wearing apparel that were used during the days of slavery be brought to Richmond for that occasion also such articles as spinning wheels, old cards that were used for carding cotton or wool, or relics of those days. For any of the above articles the committee promises a fair compensation, or premium. Speakers from nearly every state in the Union will be invited to be present. This being the first National gathering of the colored people since they obtained their freedom there will doubtless be an immense gathering in view of which we have established a bureau of information in connection by which we hope to be able to bring to gether relatives and friends who were sold during the days of slavery and have never been able to get any trace of each other. Such information will only cost 25cts. or whatever it may cost to make additional inquiries by advertisement in the "RICHMOND PLANET" which has a circulation in every state in the Union. Among the many noted and important features of this occasion will be the largest gathering of the colored soldiers just as they appeared in the Union Army and who will give a sham battle, which of itself will be of vast interest.

Old plantation songs and religious hymns will be sung by the entire crowd. Several hymns will also be set apart for the benefit of the aged christians who may attend to offer prayers to God for the preservation of their lives and the rich results accruing by their prayers offered years ago. Juvenile songsters will entertain their aged parents. Essays, orations and addresses will be delivered by young women and men, to show their intellectual improvement. Order of exercises daily (see programme). That the move may be a complete success we are authorized to invite all temperance organizations, churches, schools, farmers alliances, secret and benevolent societies and soldiers. Societies will parade in their regular regalia and boys forming clubs between 10 and 16 years will wear blue stockings and a belt of Union colors.

This call is signed by a number of men of rank and influence who shall put forth every effort to achieve a success that will probably be transmitted to posterity. For the furtherance of this project the committee requests that each Congressional District send in their several district and get out three delegates to meet in convention on Thursday Oct. 16th, or second day of the grand gathering for a consultation and agreement upon the adoption of a day as a national Thanksgiving day.

For further information write to No. — W. Leigh St.

Fraternally yours,

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GENERAL ADMISSION:

Adults 25 ¢

Children under 12 10 ¢