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Broadside for "Men of Color" Recruitment

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MEN OF COLOR
To Arms! To Arms!
NOW OR NEVER

This is our golden moment! The Government of the United States calls for every Able-bodied Colored Man to enter the Army for the

THREE YEARS' SERVICE!
AND JOIN IN FIGHTING THE
BATTLES OF LIBERTY AND THE UNION

A new era is open to us. For generations we have suffered under the horrors of slavery, outrage and wrong; our manhood has been denied, our citizenship blotted out, our souls seared and burned, our spirits cowed and crushed, and the hopes of the future of our race involved in doubt and darkness. But now our relations to the white race are changed. Now, therefore, is our most precious moment. Let us rush to arms!

FAIL NOW, & OUR RACE IS DOOMED

On this the soil of our birth. We must now awake, arise, or be forever fallen. If we value liberty, if we wish to be free in this land, if we love our country, if we love our families, our children, our home, we must strike *now* while the country calls; we must rise up in the dignity of our manhood, and show by our own right arms that we are worthy to be freemen. Our enemies have made the country believe that we are craven cowards, without soul, without manhood, without the spirit of soldiers. Shall we die with this stigma resting upon our graves? Shall we leave this inheritance of Shame to our Children? No! a thousand times NO! We WILL Rise! The alternative is upon us. Let us rather die freemen than live to be slaves. What is life without liberty? We say that we have manhood; now is the time to prove it. A nation or a people that cannot fight may be pitied, but cannot be respected. If we would be regarded *men*, if we would forever

SILENCE THE TONGUE OF CALUMNY

of Prejudice and Hate, let us Rise Now and Fly to Arms! We have seen what

VALOR AND HEROSIM

OUR BROTHERS DISPLAYED AT
PORT HUDSON AND MILLIKEN'S BEND,

Though they are just from the galling, poisoning grasp of Slavery, they have startled the World by the most exalted heroism. If they have proved themselves heroes, cannot WE PROVE OURSELVES MEN? ARE FREEMEN LESS BRAVE THAN SLAVES

More than a Million White Men Have Left Comfortable Homes and joined the Armies of the Union to save their Country. Cannot we leave ours, and swell the Hosts of the Union, to save our liberties, vindicate our manhood, and deserve well of our Country. MEN OF COLOR! the Englishman, the Irishman, the Frenchman, the German, the American, have been called to assert their claim to freedom and a manly character, by appeal to the sword. The day that has seen an enslaved race in arms has, in all history, seen their last trial. We now see that OUR LAST OPPORTUNITY HAS COME

If we are not lower in the scale of humanity than Englishmen, Irishmen, White Americans, and other Races, we can show it now.

MEN OF COLOR, BROTHERS AND FATHERS!

WE APPEAL TO YOU!

By all your concern for yourselves and your liberties, by all your regard for God and humanity, by all your desire for Citizenship and Equality before the law, by all your love for the Country, to stop at no subterfuge, listen to nothing that shall deter you from rallying for the Army. Come Forward, and at once Enroll your Names for the Three Years' Service.

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STRIKE NOW!

LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR ENROLLMENT

1. A. B. C.	2. D. E. F.	3. G. H. I.	4. J. K. L.	5. M. N. O.	6. P. Q. R.	7. S. T. U.	8. V. W. X.	9. Y. Z. A.	10. B. C. D.
11. E. F. G.	12. H. I. J.	13. K. L. M.	14. N. O. P.	15. Q. R. S.	16. T. U. V.	17. W. X. Y.	18. Z. A. B.	19. C. D. E.	20. F. G. H.
21. I. J. K.	22. L. M. N.	23. O. P. Q.	24. R. S. T.	25. U. V. W.	26. X. Y. Z.	27. A. B. C.	28. D. E. F.	29. G. H. I.	30. J. K. L.
31. M. N. O.	32. P. Q. R.	33. S. T. U.	34. V. W. X.	35. Y. Z. A.	36. B. C. D.	37. E. F. G.	38. H. I. J.	39. K. L. M.	40. N. O. P.
41. Q. R. S.	42. T. U. V.	43. W. X. Y.	44. Z. A. B.	45. C. D. E.	46. F. G. H.	47. I. J. K.	48. L. M. N.	49. O. P. Q.	50. R. S. T.

STRIKE NOW!

And you are henceforth and forever FREEMEN!

E.D. Bassett,
Wm. Whipper,
D.D. Turner,
Jas. McCrumell,
A.S. Cassey,
A.M. Green,
J.W. Page,
L.R. Seymour,
Rev. J. Underdue,
John W. Price,
Augustus Dorsey,
William D. Forten,
Rev. Stephen Smith,
N.W. Depee,
Dr. J. H. Wilson,
J.W. Cassey,
Frederick Douglass,
P.J. Armstrong,
J.W. Simpson,
Rev. J. B. Trusty,
S. Morgan Smith,
William E. Gipson,
Rev. J. Boulden,
Rev. J. Asher,
Rev. J.C. Gibbs,
Daniel George,
Robert M. Adger,
Heary M. Cropper,
Rev. J.B. Reeve,
Rev. J.A. Williams,
Rev. A.L. Stanford,
Thomas J. Bowers,
Elijah J. Davis,
John P. Burr,
Robert Jones,
O. V. Catto,
Thos. J. Dorsey,
I.D. Cliff,
Jacob C. White,
Morris Hall,
James Needham,
Rev. Elisha Weaver,
Ebenezer Black,
Rev. William T. Catto,
James R. Gordon,
Samuel Stewart,
David B. Bowser,
Henry Minton,
Daniel Colley,
J.C. White, Jr.,
Rev. J.P. Campbell,
Rev. W.J. Alston,
J.P. Johnson,
Franklin Turner,
Jesse E. Glasgow.

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