



**Smithsonian Institution**

*National Museum of African American History and Culture*

## **Broadside for "Men of Color" Recruitment**

Extracted on Mar-29-2024 11:47:39

**The Smithsonian Institution thanks all digital volunteers that transcribed and reviewed this material. Your work enriches Smithsonian collections, making them available to anyone with an interest in using them.**

The Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian") provides the content on this website ([transcription.si.edu](https://transcription.si.edu)), other Smithsonian websites, and third-party sites on which it maintains a presence ("SI Websites") in support of its mission for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." The Smithsonian invites visitors to use its online content for personal, educational and other non-commercial purposes. By using this website, you accept and agree to abide by the [following terms](#).

- If sharing the material in personal and educational contexts, please cite the National Museum of African American History and Culture as source of the content and the project title as provided at the top of the document. Include the accession number or collection name; when possible, link to the National Museum of African American History and Culture website.
- If you wish to use this material in a for-profit publication, exhibition, or online project, please contact National Museum of African American History and Culture or [transcribe@si.edu](mailto:transcribe@si.edu)

For more information on this project and related material, contact the National Museum of African American History and Culture. [See this project](#) and other collections in the Smithsonian Transcription Center.

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.

**MEN OF COLOR**  
**To Arms! To Arms!**  
**NOW OR NEVER**  
**THREE YEARS' SERVICE!**  
**BATTLES OF LIBERTY AND THE UNION**  
**FAIL NOW, & OUR RACE IS DOOMED**  
**SILENCE THE TONGUE OF CALUMNY**  
**VALOR AND HEROISM**  
**PORT HUDSON AND MILLIKEN'S BEND,**  
**ARE FREEMEN LESS BRAVE THAN SLAVES**  
**OUR LAST OPPORTUNITY HAS COME**  
**MEN OF COLOR, BROTHERS AND FATHERS!**  
**WE APPEAL TO YOU!**  
**STRIKE NOW!**

LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR THE THREE YEARS' SERVICE

A. B. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN
J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN	J. M. BROWN

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.

[[double line]]

U.S. Steam-Power Book and Job Printing Establishment Ledger  
Buildings, Third and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.

Broadside for "Men of Color" Recruitment  
Transcribed and Reviewed by Digital Volunteers  
Extracted Mar-29-2024 11:47:39



## Smithsonian Institution

*National Museum of African American History and Culture*

The mission of the Smithsonian is the increase and diffusion of knowledge - shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Become an active part of our mission through the Transcription Center. Together, we are discovering secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world.

Join us!

The Transcription Center: <https://transcription.si.edu>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithsonianTranscriptionCenter>

On Twitter: [@TranscribeSI](https://twitter.com/TranscribeSI)

Connect with the Smithsonian

Smithsonian Institution: [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Smithsonian>

On Twitter: [@smithsonian](https://twitter.com/smithsonian)