

I am glad these men are free by Law & not by stratagem or force.

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Bro Tappan

You can realize no doubt the joy we feel in the deliverance of the Amistad prisoners & now I have a strong desire, that all among the africans, that will not prefer to return ^{in any capacity,} to their native land, & homes if they can find them; should be put, in a course of education, & that to an extent fully to qualify them as missionaries & teachers & then they can go to benighted Africa with the fair prospect under the guidance of providence of rendering essential service to their countrymen & of opening an effectual door for the introduction of civilization & Christianity into that long neglected ~~land~~ & darkened land,

And now for the plan. I would recommend the establishment of an institution for their education & the instruction of such other colored men of this land who might wish to avail themselves of an education free of expense; let there be a ~~place~~ place selected with convenient buildings already prepared or if that cannot be done, grounds procured & buildings erected (in some favorable County town where produce is low & labor cheap) & such Teachers & assistance procured as is necessary to accomplish the end desired. Such a place might be procured in this Town for about 6 or 7000 \$ & Teachers employed ^{& other help} ~~at a certain~~ ^{what} they could do towards their board, or rather preparing their board for 2000 \$ per year, & this would be required at least for 6 years which would make 12,000 \$ & their board say 1 \$ per week for 30 individuals would be for 6 years 9,360 \$ & other incidental expenses for books &c say 5,000 \$ ~~in~~ in all amounting to 33,360 \$

Now for the funds, let a man of devoted piety; of commanding influence

& great perseverance, & take with him Cingus & about 6 of the
most intelligent & visit the principle places in the free States & call
public meetings by sale of tickets from 25 to 100 \$ a circumstance
require; & I have not a doubt that 100,000 \$ in the course
of 12 mos, might be raised, at least enough to defray all the
Expenses of an Education & their outfit to Africa,

If this plan should not seem practicable as to the
Establishment let them be placed at Onida Institute or Clermont
where perhaps they could be educated on better terms, —

And if all these plans should seem unwise as they
could not be persuaded to remain or pursue this course I
think they will consent a few of them with Cingus to travel to see
the Country & procure funds for their Expenses on their return voyage
& for the general object to raise funds to carry forward the
Scheme of Emancipation in this or other lands,

You are aware that 1,000 \$ was raised in Hartford & more
than 1,000 \$ (as I am informed) in N. Haven at 12 1/2 cts admission, then
think what could be raised in Boston, N. York, ^{Phila} Albany, Buffalo
& the 10,000 smaller Cities, — my estimate of 100,000 \$ is low,

Let immediate measures be taken to carry this plan into effect
for the earlier it is started the better as these men will be visiting many
of their places & the Novelty will be over, let no time be lost in
traveling for the purpose of raising money & it can be used ~~more~~
advantageously.

Yours in the cause of God & Man

P.S. I think an exhibition of these men
would do more to remove prejudice than
all other efforts that have been or can be made

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