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The existence of the Colony or Commonwealth of Liberia, crowned by her last act of independence, has done more, a thousandfold, to establish the claims of the colored race to full stature of manhood, in its broadest sense, than all the pompous declamations and arrogant pretensions of a few upstarts, who so loudly claim equality of rights, social and political.

We candidly ask the intelligent colored people of this city and elsewhere, if it is not their plain duty to congratulate their Liberian brethren on the importance of the movement they have recently made, and to extend to them their cordial sympathy, to fraternise with them, and thus uphold their hands now in the time of their great effort? Let the question be fairly considered, honestly answered, and promptly acted upon.

[From the Colonization Herald.]

LETTER FROM MR. TUPPER.

ALBURY, GUILFORD, ENGLAND,
April 20, 1848.
To Mr. Elliott Cresson of Philadelphia:
Sir:—From time to time I have been favored with copies of the Colonization Herald, and as the last number had your card enclosed, I take leave to write and thank you for your courtesy. It is always very pleasant to me to receive communications from my numerous unseen friends in the United States, and I cannot pretend to be ignorant that my writings have gained for me much love from your cordial people; to respond to them with a note of thanks is only a matter of delightful duty.

With respect to slavery and its cure, it seems to me, unless I am deceived by fair appearances, that your society has “hit the blot.” We with the best intentions, have utterly blundered the whole business; we have ruined our West Indies by unprepared emancipation, and waste millions annually on the absurdity of attempting to blockade a continent; moreover, through our ill-judged efforts the horrors of the passage are increased ten-fold, and poor Africa groans under the additional burdens laid on her by the dull zeal of her would-be liberator England.

The idea of re-establishing the ransomed slave in his own country under a free self-government, appears to me to combine all the requirements of probable success. May America (our child) succeed, where her parent’s effort is a failure. I have just written off a national song for Liberia on the spur of the moment; you are at liberty to print it, with this letter and the qualifying “Note” at foot, in your Herald. May it help to make many a poor African’s heart leap for joy, gratitude and patriotism.

I am, sir, your faithful servant,
MARTIN FARQUHAR TUPPER.

A NATIONAL ANTHEM FOR LIBERIA IN AFRICA.
Being a Freewill Offering to the Cause of Wise Emancipation.

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Praise ye the Lord, for this new-born Star,
On the blue firmament blazing afar!
Bless ye the Lord!—our souls to cheer
“The love of liberty brought us here!”

Hail to Liberia’s beacon bright
Luring us home with its silver light,
Where we may sing without peril or fear
“The love of liberty brought us here!”

Hail! new home on the dear old shore
Where Ham’s dark sons dwelt ever of yore,
Thou shalt be unto us doubly dear,
For “love of liberty brought us here!”