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A WARNING.

(By Nora E. Hulings Siegel, Denver, Colorado.)

(Republished by Request)

All race papers please copy. A warning to the colored population of the United States against the Philippine colonization scheme should be published in every colored people's paper in the country.

At the heart of the scheme there is meant no good for you, my dear friends, and I warn you to look into the project well before entering it.

I have been watching the underlying reasons for the war in the Philippine islands and wondered who would next be called upon to offer up their lives to the greed and lust of financiers.

Those islands have been won by them by the blood of our innocent, adventure-loving young men, solely through the hardheartedness of the money kings for their own aggrandizement, and what good to them think you, would the islands be, with the wealth of that vast partly submerged region left untillied? None, and cannot be, unless it be peopled by a submissive race.

The natives of that country have mostly gone down to death through disease; therefore, more must be supplied or await years for the few remaining ones to multiply.

Doubtless the picturing of those partly tropical regions to you is and will be very bright, by minds hired for the purpose. They employ the "wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove" attitude, men who have not lived there in the capacity that you will be called upon to experience and who could not be hired so to do, are therefore not honest, competent judges or that which they strive to interest you to take part in.

You surely have not forgotten the misery your ancestors suffered when brought into civilization and subjected to slavery, and that is nothing to what awaits you over there. The conductors of this scheme seek to have you and care nothing for your good, for they look upon the whole colored race as only a lot of cattle. Indeed they laborers with that brand. To swell their own bank accounts is their one aim in life, and as money buys power today, so do they who deal in money.

Lives are nothing to them. You my colored friends are a prolific race, as all races in their youth and wisdom are. You are also a hardy one and easily submissive and happy. These are your God-given endowments; so use them in the upbuilding of your own homes, right here in the United States, and do not for a moment be caught by the glamorous tales of the "tropical islands."

If you go there to colonize go armed with intelligence upon the matter. Go with the understanding that you will be set down in a wilderness with water all about you and no means of escape.

(Don't be tricked to go, as many came to this country, during the time of the "Turnbull" colonizing fraud to Florida.) First thing to do would be to send a number of envoys over there of your own race; men that you know may not be bought to work against you; who will look intelligently into the whole scheme, both sides and will render a just report.

Go in small numbers, or alone; not in droves as sheep to the slaughter, for that is how it will end for many of you under the most favorable circumstances. You were brought here against your will. You have acquired, by virtue of your innate patience, the ease of civilization. You are as free as it is possible for you to be in the present stage of your mental unfoldments. The ignorant are the only barbarians and superstition their king.

Not many years ago a colonization scheme was set afloat to entrap the poor unwary Swedish people. This came about under my own eyes. They were promised a certain number of rods of land each, and good houses to each family. This land was situated in a good fruit and garden locality in the beautiful Cumberland mountains in West Virginia; so the emigrants were lead to believe. The description was all very fine and many were entrapped by it. Each person must pay a stipulated sum of money and all they need do was to emigrate to their new homes and find the house ready built to receive them.

What did they find upon their arrival? A tramp of twenty miles over a mountainous road to a mountain side, rocky and bare, except for an occasional forest tree, late in the fall, and the to-be comfortable dwellings, a mere long sheep stable, or three sided shed built of the roughest of green lumber, which was divided off into stalls—a stall for each family. They had no floor and no front.

They fared well to what you may do in the Philippine islands, for they came to a civilized country, not far from established communities.

What did those confidence trixters care for the welfare of the poor ignorant Swedish emigrants? Not a tittle! They had their money and that was what they wanted. Well, the poor things could not stay there because of the close approach of winter, so they dispersed; some going to one adjacent town and some to another to battle with poverty and an unknown tongue. Was the hand of God in this? Good came out of it for the innocent ones, as good comes out of all things. They were compelled to reason, to learn, to think; the time had come for a two-fold step to be taken in their advancement, as nature does not permit one part of the globe to progress far in advance of another. All must come up comparatively together.

What grand lesson is to come out of the Philippine colonization scheme for your race? The story of Johnna's warning to Ninnevah (Matt. 12:29) is not so "far fetched" after all. If you will not learn here you will be tossed about like a ship at sea with-

out an anchor till you learn. Though these deluded souls who trick you are in a far worse state than yourselves, does not make your case less important and direful. Though they be Judases does not lighten the necessity for your learning the grand lesson that is in store for you, and prophecy that that lesson will come to teach you self-establishment. You as a race are not self-centered; you lack stability, backbone, as the Yankees term it, who are today the greatest lot of people on the face of the earth.

I tell you again, and I shall keep on telling you that you are a grand race; one pregnant of more good than is at the present dreamed of, and you must educate! educate!!

If you go to the Philippines, go not in ignorance, but in wisdom. Watch what I tell you—cultured negroes will not go over there.

That is not the object! The object is, to transfer brawn not brain; transient servants, not masters.

There is naught to hinder negroes colonizing right where they are and become separate in society, if the object is separation.

Wisdom will not be needed over there until the wealth of the country has been thoroughly and satisfactorily manipulated for a few.

Were the Boers allowed to remain in peace? No! money ousted them. What was the wisdom that they failed to attain and use that they must be taught to serve a lesson? and have they learned it yet? I fear not.

Progress must travel onward. Progress may not be retarded by a rope, like as with such the Indians were known to try to stop a western-bound train a few years ago.

Natural laws may not be set aside. If you trim a tree in one place it shoots out in another more abundantly. Cut off its top and it springs up from the root in many places, thus multiplying its forces against future assault. Just so with the human tree and in addition to the physical body the human tree must use his mental faculties and after that his spiritual mind. In order to develop anything it must be put to its best use. You better use all three faculties in civilization than in a desert. But you must hurry up! You are not developing fast enough. These are quick times. Omnipotence will allow your removal to a place and state where you will be compelled to bring forth more abundantly; not after the white man's model, however, but after the black man's. Your own original forces must be developed. You are grandly worthy; and if you do not do it here

"Angels and ministers of grace, defend us" from our own unworthy opinion of ourselves and from our belittling opinion of the great and good God whose work must be done in and through us, his children.

All this reasoning, my dears, in behalf of yourselves does not, and use good that, may come to you after many years of suffering will, not excuse nor forgive the manipulators of the cause of it. Their intention remains the same, that is, for our own benefit. Of course, in time good will come out of it as it came out of your enslavement. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." But greater good should come of your remaining here where you belong.

If the present government was by and for the whole people, as the founders of it intended it should be, the instigators of these colonization frauds would be punished severely, instead of allowing any person who has a tract of barren land to dispose of to sell it to dupes, and the fraud so general and lawful that no one thinks of exposing it. The another proof that ignorance must suffer the penalty of its own enslavement.

You have more right to the south than the white people living there today; for by your brawn has the country been cultivated during the century since its settlement. The white people there grew shiftless and helpless through your caring for them, and if right instead of might ruled, they would recognize this fact. If they imagine they can dispense with your aid now they are vastly mistaken, for they need you far worse than you do them.

Turn your attention now toward cultivation of your intellect and soul and before many years have elapsed the white people of the south will extend to you the glass hand. They are the ones at fault and not you, and they need a severe lesson in another direction.

Education and culture is your only way out of the dilemma and is of more benefit to you than this imaginary Philippine wealth.

If you emigrate to the Philippine islands then good-by to the intellectual development for many years to come. Stay where you are and educate. Become intelligent masters of your own destiny, not pignims. Refuse to be buffeted by every perverse wind that blows.

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

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