

THE COLORED PEOPLE OF NEW YORK TO THEIR FRIENDS.

At the request of many of the colored citizens of New York, and from a grateful sense of my own duty, I adopt this method to thank our friends and benefactors for their kindness to our people during the bloody riots in this city.

We shall remember most gratefully that portion of the city press which counselled the observance of law and order, and the exercise of justice and humanity toward us, and which has fearlessly defended the rights of a weak and defenceless people.

We pray for God's blessing upon our noble and heroic policemen and citizen soldiers, who, at the peril of their own lives saved many of us from being murdered.

I am especially deputed to return most grateful thanks to the officers of the several police stations, who received and unhesitatingly protected all who sought their protection: and also to the officers of the Seventh Avenue Arsenal; and to the excellent physicians who promptly rendered medical and surgical assistance in various parts of the city to those who were sick, wounded, and dying.

We most heartily thank the very many ladies and gentlemen who sheltered our wives and little children, and gave them food and clothing, when they had been robbed of all they possessed. To two instances of this kind I shall ever be indebted for the preservation of the lives of my wife, daughter, and another female member of my family, and also for my own.

I take great pleasure in mentioning, with gratitude, the two generous young Irishmen who defended the children of the Orphan Asylum from being killed by infuriated men, women and children, who drove them from their home and pursued them with insults and curses.

We would also gratefully remember those ministers of religion, of every denomination, who have declared the truth in regard to the sin and guilt of those who have plundered us of our property and stained their hands with our blood.

We wish our persecutors no harm. They have hated, bruised and slain us without cause. May God forgive them. God lives and is just, and into His hands we commit our cause.

HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET.

The daily press has so abounded with the details of the late riot in the city of New York, which though avowedly in resistance to the "Draft," had for its object principally the poor colored people and their known friends, that it would be unnecessary repetition to occupy our limited space with them.

While the Christian philanthropist mourns at the occurrence of such deeds of lawless violence against a people who have only been found "guilty of a skin not colored like our own," he yet finds consolation in the belief that the laws which govern human thought and feeling are as immutable as those which uphold the planetary system,—that cruelty and injustice towards an innocent and unoffending class, ever react sooner or later in favor of that class, by arousing public sympathy and leading to a recognition of their rights. The kindness and humanity shown by very many to these sufferers during their season of peril, are bright spots in a very dark picture; and as an evidence of the spirit in which these sufferings have been borne, and their grateful appreciation of the kindness and succor extended to them, we copy from the *A. S. Standard*, a communication from one of their ministers: