

Approving Letter to Mr. Garrison. 27

COLORED CLUB, "HARMONY," }  
New York City, Aug. 6, 1872. }

To Hon. Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir: Your well-couched letter of the 3d instant, addressed to Hon. Charles Sumner, which found its way to the public through the leading papers of this city, has been carefully perused by that class of intelligent and sensible men, descendants of the African race, and citizens of the United States; and as they have, with unprejudiced feelings, weighed and analyzed every word therein contained, they have unanimously agreed that your assertions are in every respect correct, being based upon substantial facts which Hon. Chas. Sumner, with all his sophistical arguments, will never succeed to distort. Therefore, upon the strength of their conviction, we were called upon by our colored brethren, members of our Club, to convey to you their heartfelt acknowledgments for advocating, with a soundness of judgment, the cause of Republicanism to which they belong, and to express at the same time their admiration and just approval of your ably-written reply to Mr. Sumner's atrocious aspersions against General Grant, who has already done so much for the welfare of his country and fellow-citizens in general, and that of the colored people in particular.

Mr. Sumner, in pursuing the improper course of misleading a class of men who heretofore had placed implicit confidence in him, by perniciously advising them to vote for Greeley, has, we regret to say, very much impaired his claims to our esteem and consideration; because it is clear and undeniable that, in his unremitting efforts to crush General Grant, owing to his personal hatred and hostility toward the latter, he is endeavoring to attain his ends through the instrumentality of our colored brethren throughout the United States.

In consideration of the above facts, we are authorized to say, in behalf of our aforesaid brethren, that, in view of their interests and future welfare, their votes are reserved for General Grant, whom they consider as the sincere defender of their rights, notwithstanding all that Hon. Chas. Sumner has said to the contrary in his extravagant *theses* against him.

There is no doubt that Mr. Sumner has allowed himself to be influenced by personal prejudices, coupled with an obstinate disposition against the President; but that is no reason why he should, to suit his own purposes, try to lead into error his fellow-citizens—the colored people—after having so shamefully deserted his own party.

In conclusion, we repeat that, come what may, we are determined to support General Grant.

In the hope that our assurances to that effect will suffice to impress you with the good disposition of the colored men, members of the Club, "Harmony,"

We are, your obedient servants,

J. M. JAIQUET,  
JAMES JOHNSON.

