

WALKER'S APPEAL TO THE COLORED CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

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You want slaves, and want us for your slaves!!! My [people] will yet root some of you out of the very face of the earth!!!! ...I tell you Americans that unless you speedily alter your course, *you and your Country are gone!!!!*

Let no man of us budge one step, and let slave-holders come to beat us from our country. America is more our country than it is the whites - we have enriched it with our *blood and tears*. I count my life not dear unto me, but I am ready to be offered at any moment, for what is the use of living, when in fact I am dead. But remember, Americans, that as miserable, wretched, degraded and abject as you have made us...some of you (whites) on the continent of America will yet curse the day that you ever were born.

Treat us then like men, and we will be your friends. And there is not a doubt in my mind ... we will become a united and happy people. The whites may say it is impossible, but remember that nothing is impossible with God.

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