Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Enclosed please find the followingletter. Share it with all of your readers who are interested in Freedom!

The Willie Lynch Speech of 1712

The exhibit below documents an authentic speech that sets forth one instance of the original and effective cause of the idea and iron grip of slavery that continues to more intensly shackle the spirits and psychcs of African American's to this present day. It is an appropriate negative preamble to this in-depth analysis of idea of slavery defining the necessity for an African American "revolt of the spirit."

Gentlemen:

I greet you here on the bank of James River in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twelve. First, I shall thank you, The Gentlemen of the Colony of Virginia, for bringing me here. I am here to help you solve some of your problems with slaves. Your invitation reached me on my modest plantation in the West Indies where I have experimented with some of the newest and still the oldest methods for control of slaves. Ancient Rome would envy us if my program is implemented. As our boat sailed south on the James River, named for our illustrious King whose version of the Bible we cherish, I saw enough to know that your problem is not unique. While Rome used cards of woods as crosses for standing human bodies along its old highways in great numbers, you are here using the tree and the rope on occasion.

I caught the whiff of a dead slave hanging from a tree a couple of miles back. You are not only losing valuable stock by hangings, you are having uprisings, slaves are running away, your crops are sometimes left in the fields too long for maximum profit, you suffer occasional fires, your animals are killed. Gentlemen, you know what your problems are: I do not need to elaborate. I am not here to enumerate your problems, I am here to introduce you to a method of solving them.

In my bag here, I have a fool-proof method of controlling your black slaves. I guarantee everyone of you that if installed correctly it will control the slaves. My method is simple, any member of your family or any overseer can use it. I have outlined a number of differences among the slaves and I take those differences and make them bigger. I use fear, distrust, and envy for control purposes. These methods have worked on my modest planation in the West Indies and it will work throughout the south. Take the simple little list of difference and think about them. On top of my list is "Age" but it is there only because it starts with an "A"; the second is "Color" or shade, there is intelligence, size, sex, size of plantation, status on plantation, attitude of owners, whether the slaves live in the valley, on a hill, East, West, North, South, have fine course hair, or (sic) tall or short. Now that you have a list of differences, I shall give you an outline of actions--but before that I shall assure you that distrust is stronger than adulation, respect or admiration.

The black slave after receiving the indoctrination shall carry on and will become self refueling and self-generating for hundreds of years, maybe thousands.

Don't forget you must pitch the old black vs., the young black male, and the young black male against the old black male. You must use dark skin slaves vs. the light skin slaves and the light skin slaves vs. the dark skin slaves. You must use the females vs. the male, and the male vs. the female. You must also have your white servants and overseers distrust all Blacks, but it is necessary that your slaves trust and depend on us. They must love, respect, and trust only us.

Gentlemen, these Kits are your keys to control. Use them. Have your wives and children use them, never mind opportunity. My plan is guaranteed, and the good thing about this plan is that if used intensely for one year the slaves will remain perpetually distrustful.

Thank you Gentlemen.

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