

### 1837. *Weekly Advocate*

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The addition of another paper to the list of those already before the Public may be, and is probably considered, by some persons of common observation and superficial reflection, as unnecessary and uncalled for; but numerous, however, as we freely allow them to be, it is believed by many of our people, that there is still a vacancy to be supplied, a chasm to be filled up; and that there is NOW a clear opening for one of a different character, which shall be devoted to the moral improvement and amelioration of our race. After the most mature deliberation we have commenced the noble enterprise. Our paper, though somewhat small in size, will be found valuable in contents. The advantages of the present undertaking are not to be estimated by words, they are incalculable. If the Press, a "FREE PRESS," be a foe to the tyrant-if its blessings be so great and innumerable, the Question naturally presents itself, why may we not have one of our own? ...

We need scarcely say, we are opposed to colonization...We shall advocate Universal Suffrage and Universal Education, and we shall oppose all Monopolies, which oppress the poor and laboring classes of society. ...

We need not say, that our entire dependence for support is upon the colored portion of this great community, when we tell them that the ADVOCATE IS THEIR PAPER, in every sense of the word-that it will advocate their just claims and rights-sustain them in every proper appeal to manly generosity and justice. And as the cause of IMMEDIATE EMANCIPATION is based on incontrovertible right, we shall at all times, take it up with resolution, and defend it with firmness...