

GREETINGS

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONDON WELCOME THE MANY COLORED VISITORS WHO VISITED IN LONDON TO CELEBRATE WITH THE CITIZENS OF LONDON, ON EMANCIPATION DAY.

GREAT BRITAIN ABOLISHED SLAVERY IN 1807 AND FINALLY BY THE EMANCIPATION ACT OF 1833 IN ALL PARTS OF HER COLONIES.

THE UNITED STATES' BELOVED PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN ISSUED A PROCLAMATION OF FREEDOM ON JAN. 1st, 1863 BUT THIS DID NOT AFFECT CERTAIN SOUTHERN STATES.

THE 13th AMENDMENT FREED ALL SLAVES IN 1865 AFTER A LONG AND BLOODY WAR WAS FOUGHT.

MANY CITIZENS OF LONDON WENT INTO THE U.S. ARMY TO FIGHT AND DIE FOR FREEDOM'S CAUSE.

FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE AND AFTER A GREAT NUMBER OF COLORED PEOPLE CAME TO CANADA TO ENJOY THEIR FREEDOM UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG.

THEY PROVED THAT THEY WERE WORTH FIGHTING FOR AND MADE GOOD CITIZENS FOR THEIR ADOPTED COUNTRY.

THE CITIZENS OF LONDON REGARDLESS OF CREED OR COLOR EXTEND TO THEIR DESCENDANTS WHO CELEBRATED THE SAME WARM WELCOME THAT WAS EXTENDED TO THEIR ANCESTORS, AND TRUST YOU ALL ENJOYED YOUR VISIT TO OUR CITY. THE FINEST CITY IN THE MOST SOUTHERLY PART OF CANADA.

T. F. KINGSMILL, JR.

Mayor

K. G. CRAWFORD,

City Clerk

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