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Hon. J. P. Tumulty,
Secretary to the President,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of recent date received.

Replying thereto, beg to state, that a large number of colored citizens in various states of the Union, for the past three months, have urged me to call the President's attention, through you, to the condition of the colored democrats, and the urging need of a loyal negro democratic association, to offset the unwarranted damaging attacks, upon the President, and our national administration, by the Regular and Progressive Republicans; and the old line, and disgruntled Democrats, of both races.

I hesitated, until convinced that further delay would endanger our cause in New York and New Jersey, at the election in November. Whatever I may say, can be VERIFIED at any time; as the information was received from the most authentic source, supported by positive proof.

The attitude of some of the Negro candidates for office under our national administration, and their followers, completely destroyed, the usefulness of the National Colored Democratic League; thus leaving us without a national asso-

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ciation, or leadership with sufficient courage and loyalty, to issue a statement setting clearly before the whole people, the President's high regard for the colored race, and his disapproval of oppression in any form. I have been requested as above stated, to call a national gathering, and organize a Progressive National Negro Democratic Association, that can be relied upon to support the President. THIS IS IMPERATIVE, as we are losing the colored vote in every state. You know as well as I, we certainly cannot afford to lose this vote, if we expect to re-nominate, and re-elect, President Wilson for another term; or to elect a democratic Congress, next fall, or the Governor of our state, or our Mayor of New York this fall.

Careful investigation disclosed the following as the chief grounds of complaint by the Colored Democrats.

- 1- The appointing to important offices at Washington, D.C. and other places, formally held by negroes, men of other races.
- 2- The disparaging statements of Senator Vardman, concerning the negroes, as reported by the papers.
- 3- The alleged separation of the races, in the Government Department at Washington, D.C.
- 4- The retention of NEGRO REPUBLICANS in important offices at Washington, D.C. and other places. This they con-

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strued as a reflection on the ability of the negro democrats to perform the duties of the office.

- 5- The omission of the President, to appoint negro democrats to office in Washington, D. C. and other places before now, whether the Senate confirmed them or not.
- 6- The administrations southern policy towards the Negroes.
- 7- The administratins seeming indifference as to the political welfare of the Negro democrats; and its apparent readiness to disregard his sacrifices, past support, and future value, and its willingness to combine with his enemies, the REPUBLICANS, and some Southern Senators, to embarris, and disappoint him, in his political ambitions, upon untrue statements, and prejudice.

AS TO COMPLAINTS.

- No. 1- Refers to the places held by the negro republicans, at Washington, D.C. and the Haytain Mission.
- No. 2- Refers to the reported statements of Senator Vardman, at the time of Patterson's appointment.
- No. 3- Refers specially to the alleged separation of employes in the Treasury Department.
- No. 4- Refers to the retention of H. L. Johnson, as Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia and

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C. W. Anderson in the department of Revenue at New York.

It is urged against Mr. Johnson among other things, that he stumped the state of New Jersey against President Wilson, and used vile language against him, among which was, that President Wilson's election meant a return of negroes to slavery, and sanction of lynching, he referred to a picture used by the republicans in a paper, during the campaign of President Wilson for Governor of New Jersey, ^{with} negroes hanging to a tree. He is during all he can, in an underhand way, with Mr. Napier, who resigned as Register of the Treasury, to embarrass President Wilson's administration, and get campaign literature, for the coming fall elections in New York and New Jersey, and future elections, including the next national election.

It is said that Mr. Anderson stumped against President ~~Wm~~ Wilson, and since the election, used unbecoming language, about the President. It is further said that, certain independent democrats in New York are in a deal with him to try and get the colored vote for Mayor, for retaining him in office. A large number of colored republicans and progressives bitterly oppose this. They say they are afraid to trust a democrat, such as Mr. Mitchel, and would rather vote for a ~~Dem~~ man, such as Mayor Gaynor, who has shown his respect for them in New York, than to take a chance on a Wilson Mayor.

If the negro democrats desert Mr. Mitchel, his chances are slim for election. I am now speaking from investigation

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on this subject, in New York, Kings, and Queens County. I am connected with a number of associations in New York, and there every week, and had the pleasure of being chairman of the committee of Equity Congress in New York, at which place Mr. Mitchel sopke on Wednesday night last. I send you herewith the circular.

No. 5- EXPLAINS ITSELF.

No. 6- Refers to the appointment of Postmaskers and internal revinue collectors in the south.

No. 7- The negro democrats particularly disappointed office seekers, are telling of their sacrifices, and regret ing being disappointed. Many believe republicans filed untrue charged against them, for no other reason than to humiliate them, knowing them to be untrue.

Something must be done to clarify the situation. I am willing to undertake the task with the President or your approval. Our State Association is in good working order, and ready for the battle. We will do our part for our cause.

Kindly let me hear from you on all points at an early date, together with any advice you may have.

Sincerely yours.

A. B. Cosey
222 Washington St.
Newark, N. J.

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Alfred B. Cooley, ~~Editor~~ Aug. 22, 1913.
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Following are grounds of complaint by the negroes:

Important offices at Washington and other places formerly held by negroes are going to other races.

Disparaging statement of Senator Vardman concerning negroes.

Alleged separation of races in government departments at Washington.

Retention of negro Republicans in office.

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