

February 24, 1865 - The Colored People's Friend.

Testimonial of Gratitude

Yesterday a delegation of the colored citizens of this place waited on Governor Johnson, at his residence, and presented him, in behalf of themselves and friends, with a fine gold watch, worth \$350. On the watch is the following inscription, very tastefully engraved by Mr. Adams of our city:

PRESENTED TO

His Excellency

THE HONORABLE ANDREW JOHNSON,

Military Governor of Tennessee

-BY THE—

COLORED PEOPLE OF NASHVILLE

—for his—

Untiring energy in the Cause of Freedom.

The committee of presentations consisted of Wade Hickman, Buck Lewis, Ben. Hadly, Wm. Sumner, Daniel Watkins, Henry Harding, Felix Hynes. Governor Johnson has received more costly testimonials, but we venture to say none which he will cherish more warmly or prize more highly than this simple memorial of gratitude from the emancipated or disenthralled colored people of Tennessee, who hold him enshrined in their "Heart of hearts." If Franklin is honored, who brought down the lightnings from heaven to earth to make it subserve the uses of man, how much worthier of honor is the statesman who took the Golden Rule from the Book of Heaven and, amid a storm of popular passion and the opposition of a cruel fanaticism, wrote it indelibly upon the Constitution of Tennessee? The liberated bless him.

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