CALL FOR A STATE CONVENTION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER, 1855

The undersigned, regarding the present as a favorable time for pressing
the claims of the colored citizens of this State upon the consideration of our
State Government, with a view to the removal of the odious and invidious disa-
tabilities imposed therein, and to gain equal political rights, take the
liberty to invite their colored fellow-citizens to assemble, in State Conven-
tion, in the city of TROY, on the FIRST TUESDAY of SEPTEMBER, 1855. There is
a sacred obligation resting upon the colored citizens of this State, to give
the ear of our Legislature no rest till every legal and political disability,
with all its depressing and degrading tendencies, shall be swept from the
Empire State. The undersigned express the hope that measures will be early
taken to have every part of the State represented in the Convention.

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