

"The Freedman's Bureau" Broadside, 1866

In this poster, an African-American man lounges idly in the foreground as one white man ploughs his field and another chops wood. Accompanying labels are: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread," and "The white man must work to keep his children and pay his taxes." The African-American man wonders, "Whar is de use for me to work as long as dey make dese appropriations." Above in a cloud is an image of the "Freedman's Bureau! Negro Estimate of Freedom!" The bureau is pictured as a large-domed building resembling the U.S. Capitol and is inscribed "Freedom and No Work." Its columns and walls are labeled, "Candy," "Rum, Gin, Whiskey," "Sugar Plums," "Indolence," "White Women," "Apathy," "White Sugar," "Idleness," "Fish Balls," "Clams," "Stews" and "Pies." At right is a table giving figures for the funds appropriated by Congress to support the bureau and information on the inequity of the bounties received by black and white veterans of the Civil War.

Top of Broadside:

"THE FREEDMAN'S BUREAU! AN AGENCY TO KEEP THE NEGRO IN IDLENESS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WHITE MAN. TWICE VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT, AND MADE A LAW BY CONGRESS. SUPPORT CONGRESS & YOU SUPPORT THE NEGRO. SUSTAIN THE PRESIDENT & YOU PROTECT THE WHITE MAN," 1866

Top Left Corner of Image:

"IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE SHALT THOU EAT THY BREAD"

Printed on Rail Fence:

"THE WHITE MAN MUST WORK TO KEEP HIS CHILDREN AND PAY HIS TAXES."

Former Slave:

"Whar is de use for me to work as long as dey make dese appropriations (sic)."

Image of Freedman's Bureau:

FREEDMAN'S BUREAU! NEGRO ESTIMATE OF FREEDOM!

Large-domed Building Inscription:

FREEDOM AND NO WORK.

Columns and Walls:

CANDY
RUM, GIN, WHISKEY
SUGAR PLUMS
INDOLENCE
WHITE WOMEN
APATHY
WHITE SUGAR
IDLENESS

FISH BALLS
CLAMS
STEWES
PIES.

Right of Former Slave:

CONGRESS, IN JULY, 1866, VOTES THE NEGRO TROOPS \$300 Each as a Bounty
The same CONGRESS, IN JUNE, 1866, VOTES THE WHITE VETERANS OF 1861 & 1862, \$100
Each as a Bounty

The NEGRO GETS \$300; the WHITE SOLDIER, \$200 is all - All of the WHITE soldiers served THREE
years; [illegible] of the NEGROES over TWO Years.

APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS,
JULY, 1866,

To Support the Freedman's Bureau
\$ 6.944.500

Commissioners and Clerks for Negroes,	\$230.000
Printing for Negroes,	63.000
Houses and Wood for Negroes,	15.900
Clothing for Negroes,	1.750.000
Food for Negroes,	3.106.250
Medicine for Negroes,	500.000
Railroad Fare for Negroes,	1.320.000
School Masters & School Houses for Negroes,	539.000

TOTAL, \$6.944.450

APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS FOR THE WHITE MAN,

HEAVY TAXES, HARD LABOR

Bottom of Broadside:

For 1864 and 1865, the FREEDMAN'S BUREAU cost the Tax-payers of the Nation, at least, TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. For 1866, THE SHARE of the Tax-payers of Pennsylvania will be about ONE [illegible] OF DOLLARS. GEARY is FOR the Freedman's Bureau. CLYMER is OPPOSED to it.