

A Canterbury Tale: A Document Package for Connecticut's Prudence Crandall Affair

"More Barbarism! (Editorial Remarks and Summons for Eliza Ann Hammond to Appear, dated April 22, 1833)," published in *Fruits of Colonization*, 1833.

MORE BARBARISM!

Who are now the Savages? The Indians, the Georgians, or the Persecutors of the noble minded Miss Prudence Crandall, of Canterbury, and her excellent pupil Miss Eliza Ann Hammond, of Providence? Will Andrew T. Judson, for himself and his Canterbury associates, answer the interrogation? Community and posterity will answer it for them.

Do they suppose that the letter of the law which they plead as authority for barbarism, would be the rule of judgment with men of sense, to exclude persons from other States in the Union, of good character, from the privileges of education in this State, and who are able to pay for those privileges? If so, the Civil Authority of Hartford may warn every Student from other States out of the city—fine them—and on their refusing to pay the fine or to leave the place, give each at the whipping post ten lashes upon the naked body, and remove them to whence they came. The President of each of our Colleges, and the Principals of every Boarding School in the State, can be fined for educating such persons—a *doctrine so monstrous, that none but Fools and Knaves* would attempt to enforce it.

The IMPERIAL ORDER of the Persecutors of Miss Eliza Ann Hammond, a pupil of Miss Prudence Crandall, aged 17 years, not charged with the *color of fault*, of the city of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, is here given for the inspection of all good citizens.

To the Sheriff of the County of Windham, his Deputy, or either of the Constables of the Town of Canterbury, within said County,

GREETING:—

BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, You are hereby commanded to summon ELIZA ANN HAMMOND, of Providence, in the County of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, now residing in said town of Canterbury, to appear before George Middleton, Esq. Justice of the Peace for the County of Windham, residing in the town of Plainfield in said county of Windham, next adjoining the town of Canterbury, which is the Plaintiff in this case, (there being no Justice of the Peace in said town of Canterbury, which is also the present place of the Defendant's abode, who can lawfully try this cause) at the dwelling house of Chauncey Bacon, in said town of Canterbury, on the second day of May, 1833, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to answer unto the town of Canterbury in said County, a public corporation of said County, who now sues and prosecutes this action, by PETER MORSE, ROSWELL ALLEN EBENIZER SANGER, ASAHEL BACON, and ANDREW T. JUDSON, Select Men of said town of Canterbury, in an action brought on one certain Statute Law of this State entitled 'An Act for the admission and settlement of inhabitants in Towns,' wherein, among other things it is enacted as follows: to wit, Section 7th. 'The Select Men of any town shall be, and they are hereby authorized, either by themselves, or by warrant from a Justice of the Peace in such town,

directed to either Constable of such town, which warrant such Justice is hereby authorized to give, to warn any person not an inhabitant of this State, to depart such town, and the person so warned, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of such town one dollar and sixty-seven cents per week, for every week he or she shall continue in such town, after warning given as aforesaid, when such person who shall be convicted of the breach of this act, in refusing to depart on warning as aforesaid, hath no estate to satisfy the fine, such person *shall be whipped on the naked body not exceeding ten stripes*, unless he or she depart the town within ten days next after sentence is given and reside no more therein without leave of the Select Men, and that in the 8th Section of the same act, among other things it is enacted as follows, viz: 'And the Select Men In the respective towns are hereby empowered to prosecute all breaches of this Act,' and now the said town of Canterbury, by their said Select Men, further allege, that on the 12th day of April, 1833, one ELIZA ANN HAMMOND, this defendant, who then was not, and never since hath been, and who is not now, an inhabitant of this State, but then was, ever since hath been, and now is, an inhabitant of the State of Rhode Island, come to reside in said town of Canterbury, and on the 13th of April, 1833, did by a warrant from Rufus Adams, Esq. then and ever since a Justice of the Peace for Windham County in said Canterbury, directed to either Constable of said Canterbury, the Select Men of said Canterbury did warn the said Eliza Ann Hammond, to depart the town of Canterbury aforesaid, and notwithstanding said warning duly and lawfully served on the said Eliza Ann Hammond, on the said 13th day of April, 1833, she the said Eliza Ann, against the provision of said statute, and against the peace, did continue in said town of Canterbury from said 13th day of April, the full period of one week, to wit: including the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th days of April, 1833, by means whereof the said Eliza Ann Hammond hath forfeited and become liable to pay to the Treasurer of Canterbury aforesaid, for the use of the town of Canterbury aforesaid, the sum of one dollar and sixty-seven cents, and a right of action hath accrued to the plaintiff to recover the same for the aforesaid, and the defendant hath never paid the same though often requested and demanded, and now to recover the said sum of \$167 and cost of suit, this action is brought. Hereof fail not, but of this writ with doings hereon, lawful service end return the same.

Dated at Canterbury, the 22d day of April, 1833.

Signed, RUFUS ADAMS, Justice of the Peace.

A writ has been served upon Miss Crandall for receiving Miss Hammond as her pupil. We learn that this lady has just received six more pupils from New York city, and will probably have a full school. Shame to the Persecutors! Burning shame to the gallant and noble Inflictors of stripes upon innocent and studious Females! Let them remember an old adage, and that a generous public know to whom it should be applied. 'A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.' — COMMON SENSE.

NOTE:—The following illustrates the character of A. T. Judson: 'A few days since Miss Crandall stepped across the street, in company with another lady, to hand A. T. Judson a letter from Rev. Mr. May, proffering to the Town of Canterbury, security against the scholars of Miss C. becoming a town charge—when this *gentleman*, after receiving the letter, said to Miss C., 'Will you have a Negro to wait upon you home?' and then, calling to a low drunken fellow, said, 'Here, this fellow will wait upon you.'