

EMANCIPATION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, 2016.

An invitation to Celebrate Deliverance and Repair the Damage.

Emancipation Festival Committee

Kingstown,

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

19 July, 2016.

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Bishop Leopold Friday,
Bishop of the Windward Islands,
Bishop's Court,
Kingstown.

Dear Sir,

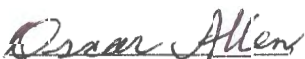
Our Emancipation Festival Committee wishes you at this season of emancipation a sense of 'Never Again Slavery', to paraphrase Galatians 5. 1. And, during the 2 weeks leading to the date of emancipation from British colonial slavery on 1st August, (1838), we wish to help generate an informed mood of celebration and gratitude in our nation-community.

At the same time, our unfinished emancipation in SVG, and among black communities worldwide, urges us to join them in the continuing march to become 'Full Free' indeed in our social and spiritual identities and relations. To this end, we ask your community to tap into resources of information and cultivate emancipation consciousness among the members at this time and during the month of August

We invite your community also to take an active part in the proposed Festival march and rally from Argyle to Peruvian Vale estate, on 1st August, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

Please place this emancipation proposal in the activity schedule of your community and let us move firmly together towards fullness of emancipation.

Sincerely,



Chairman,

EMANCIPATION FESTIVAL BACKGROUND.

CELEBRATE DELIVERANCE, REPAIR THE DAMAGE.

August 2016 is an opportunity to revisit one of the significant moments that has molded the personality and structure of Vincentian and Caribbean citizens and society. This year, we want the nation to recognise and celebrate the fortitude of our fore parents, which led to emancipation in 1838. We see there too, the Right hand of God pointing the way we should go.

THE SITE CHOSEN

Peruvian Vale was an estate of 521 acre during the period of slavery, in 1808. It owned around 200 slaves and 30 of them were young children. 100 of the enslaved Africans worked in the fields in 3 gangs. During 'crop time', i.e. when the mill was working, there would be 20 slaves toiling in the mill, and at the same time, between 20 and 30 others would be 'sick', evidently mainly from the hard conditions of the crop season. Recently, the ruins of the estate millworks became the site of a small shop/bar up to a year or more ago, the stoneworks painted blue. More than 50 years earlier, the Peruvian Vale area leading into Yambou saw a housing settlement during the 'government' of E.T Joshua, I think. Some of the houses have developed, some have not.

Next door to Peruvian Vale is the construction site of the Argyle International Airport. This is a large investment located in an unevenly developing agricultural zone. It has emancipation potential for the zone where it lies. The site where we will march and rally will therefore encourage us to consider both deliverance and repair as the processes we must take onboard as we continue our emancipation. Our festival will surely be an occasion for reflection and commitment.

THE EMANCIPATION TEAM.

The partnership that is inviting all Vincentians to embrace the emancipation season comprises the People's Movement for Change, PMC, 'Call dat George' which is a radio series on Nice Radio, 'Frontline' the protest movement also becoming an education programme, along with emancipation minded persons. Our team respects your place among us.

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