

# Virginia Warns Her People Against Woman Suffrage

## TWENTY-NINE COUNTIES WOULD GO UNDER NEGRO RULE OVER SIXTY COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

WHAT OF YOUR STATE, YOUR COUNTY? ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR REFLECTING  
MEN AND WOMEN TO THINK—AND ACT?

### THE THREATENED COUNTIES

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Several times The Richmond Evening Journal has been asked to say which counties of Virginia have more colored than white female inhabitants. The question, of course, is in connection with the somewhat noisy demands we read of in the newspapers for "votes for women." Here is the list, from the United States census of 1910:

	Colored Females.	White Females.
Amelia .....	2,658	1,578
Brunswick .....	5,549	3,843
Buckingham .....	3,881	3,738
Caroline .....	4,314	3,934
Charles City .....	1,817	645
Charlotte .....	4,267	3,599
Cumberland .....	2,966	1,604
Dinwiddie .....	4,619	2,866
Essex .....	2,618	1,868
Goochland .....	2,585	1,914
Greensville .....	3,720	2,177
Halifax .....	10,330	9,815
Isle of Wight .....	3,720	3,633
King and Queen .....	2,635	2,069
King William .....	2,409	1,698
Lancaster .....	2,531	2,279
Lunenburg .....	3,338	2,856
Mecklenburg .....	8,280	6,160
Middlesex .....	2,148	2,053
Nansemond .....	7,847	5,602
New Kent .....	1,317	802
Norfolk .....	15,936	10,039
Northampton .....	4,587	3,536
Nottoway .....	3,715	3,016
Powhatan .....	1,818	1,168
Prince Edward .....	4,367	2,905
Prince George .....	2,257	1,601
Princess Anne .....	2,883	2,683
Southampton .....	8,005	5,001
Surry .....	2,804	1,763
Sussex .....	4,458	2,270
Warwick .....	2,053	819
Westmoreland .....	2,279	2,193

We may assume that the proportions of females twenty-one years of age, or over, or who have come of age since the census was taken is the same in the two races.

Assuming that the women of the two races would qualify to vote in the same proportions and that the white and colored male vote would remain as they were shown to be by the returns of the last presidential election, the colored people would have absolute and immediate control of the counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Caroline, Charles City, Charlotte, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex, Goochland, Greensville, King and Queen, King William, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nansemond, New Kent, Norfolk, Northampton, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Warwick and Westmoreland.

In Buckingham, Halifax, Lancaster and Princess Anne the whites would have a fighting chance if their women vote and present white male vote combined solidly against the colored woman and present colored male vote.

It is to be remembered that the literacy test would not work in choking off the colored woman vote. The colored people are decreasing their percentage of illiteracy very fast, especially among their women and girls. The ladies of the suffrage league will hardly come forward with a property test. No safeguard would be left but the poll tax; and if colored women knew they could get votes and rule some very rich and important counties by paying \$1.50 apiece, we are inclined to think most of them would be willing to go hungry, if necessary to do it.

Probably the ladies engaged in this suffrage movement are not very practical or very logical or very well informed or disposed to bother their heads with the actual facts of politics. Most of them, we surmise, hold the somewhat vague, but firmly established feminine line of reasoning that when they want something, or think they want it, they ought to have it by all principles of wisdom and justice; and are prepared always to fall back on the traditional conclusive feminine argument "because."

No other argument, however profound, is quite so convincing or fascinating as that word "because," accompanied by some pouting of alluring and scarlet lips—especially if there be dimples by way of re-enforcement. But men are compelled and accustomed to face and deal with hard facts when considering important affairs in business or in politics. It is a hard fact that twenty-nine counties of Virginia would be condemned by woman suffrage to colored rule and five others would be in serious peril of it with woman suffrage.

We do not suppose, or imagine, that the suffrage ladies would suggest resort to counting out the colored people of their own sex or to stuffing ballot boxes or padding registration lists. We wicked and inefficient and tyrannical men who are supposed to have made such a sad mess of government in Virginia, became ashamed of such methods and alarmed by them and contrived to remove the necessity for them. Surely, we are not to be incited to return to the slime-pit from which we dug ourselves.

The population and the votes are in these counties as stated. We can't get away from the figures and facts, ladies. Take twenty-nine counties and make them Republican and add them to the counties already Republican, or close, and the Democratic party and white rule in Virginia will be swinging on a mighty thin line.