Last Thursday evening an immense crowd of colored and white ladies and gentlemen left the city of Philadelphia in carriages, hacks, omnibusses, and cars, for the camp of the colored soldiers to see them drill, and to see a flag hoisted. We are free to say, that no troops who have volunteered command more attention or receive more respect than the colored soldiers. They are under one of the best drillers in the country. Here is a more full account of the whole proceedings, which will be interesting to our readers…

Yesterday afternoon, the ceremony of raising the American flag over the encampment of the colored troops, organizing under the direction of the Philadelphia Supervisory Committee, took place at Chelton Hill, in the presence of a vast concourse of people. The regiment, which is the first fully organized regiment credited to our State, and the 3d regular U.S. colored regiment, is now fully equipped, armed, and with full ranks…The regiment has been a comparatively short time in forming, and has evinced a degree of enthusiasm and discipline than would do credit to older troops.

The camping ground is delightfully situated on an eminence of country, commanding a full view of many miles of the neighborhood. To the large number of people who were assembled yesterday afternoon to witness the drill and stamina of the regiment, a most favorable opportunity was offered. A long train left the depot of the North Pennsylvania Railroad at half-past three, filled with colored people, and another train with white persons, ladies and gentlemen, who have evinced not a little interest in the formation of colored companies. On reaching the grounds the regiment went through a regimental drill…

At the close of the drill, the flag was raised to the mast-head, Hon. William D. Kelley and acting Colonel Wagner, of the 88th [Pennsylvania Volunteers], performing that part of the day's programme. The bands, two in number, struck up, simultaneously with the raising of the flag, "The Star Spangled Banner," which occasioned repeated and hearty cheers.

The flag being raised, Mr. George H. Earle came forward and addressed the soldiers and people in a thrilling and patriotic speech. He said he was very happy to have the opportunity of speaking on this occasion in the colored regiment. The reflections which their appearance occasioned, the emotions excited in him by the events of this day, were such as to prevent a flow of words that might aptly express his feelings. The spot from which he now addressed them was a consecrated one, dear to the memory of every friend of his country. Along this road marched Washington's troops, to engage the enemy at Germantown. The inspiration of the moment is divine; the inspiration of the moment is like the voice of the great Creator pointing to this last day as the commencement of the redemption and salvation of America- a day on which America has consented to accept your services to defend her life in the death struggle in which she is now engaged. Our country now calls upon the colored men to defend the flag you have just raised, that flag which is at this time especially the flag of freedom…