

[GAIPP] SIDE #5a: DIAMOND QUEEN (group parts)

DIAMOND QUEEN

“My desires are to prove myself if possible to the Georgia people and I feel with God’s help I can. I hope you will decide in my favor. It will be appreciated more than I can express in words. Yours Gratefully, Mamie De Cris.”

The crowd claps their approval. Diamond Queen delights in the attention. Feigning weakness and pity.

WHITE MALE #1/PRESS

(Shaking his head in utter dismay)

You were far too “young, pretty, and cultivated” for such...*penalty.*

WHITE MALE #2/PRESS

Rest assured, Miss De Cris, the whole country, dare I say the whole *world* is aghast. “public mood” maintains that anyone who “would flog a delicate white woman” is “bad enough to be guilty of almost anything that could be charged against him.”

MRS. JOHN E. DONALDSON

(wiping away tears)

Your “whipping was a blot on the South ... the white women of the south especially must be protected.” Convict camps are no place for a white woman. You should have been “sent to the state sanitarium.” I am certain that my cousin, Governor of this great state will set this right.

GOVERNOR TERRELL

Yes! As Governor of the state of Georgia, may I say that “it is almost impossible to conceive of circumstances...that would justify the whipping of a white female prisoner.”

Not to be outshone, GEORGE BELL pushes GOVERNOR TERRELL aside to gain more of the Diamond Queen’s attention.

GEORGE H. BELL

And, I as your State Representative, am outraged at the abuse of such a “refined white woman” as yourself. And, I, along with my colleague in the Georgia House of Representatives will immediately sponsor legislation to investigate the entire penitentiary with a specific focus on the conditions of women-