Editor, The Tribune,

Please allow me space in your paper for the following:

Bahamian women should have equal rights.

The true woman is the best fighter in the world.

Fighting need not be done by the sword if it can be as well done by the ballot or by keen and courageous leadership.

What is wrong with Bahamian Women? Are they going to sit down and let the men trample them under their feet forever? Why should the men have all the say?

Women of the Bahamas, Bahamian Women, I think it’s time that we get up and fight, and let the Government know that we should stand side by side at the polls with the men and vote for whom we want. Just suppose my husband wants to vote for Mr. So and So, but I don’t think Mr. So and So should be elected. Because of the fact that I am a Bahamian woman, and am not allowed to vote, I do not have a franchise, so I must settle for my husband’s disagreeable choice. I don’t think it’s right, do you women? Ask yourselves this question: should I take what I don’t care to have?

Women are voting in all democratic parts of the world today. Until the women of the Bahamas are able to vote they will not have equal rights.

Maybe some of you tell your husbands whom to vote (that’s what I’m saying now); if you had equal rights, you would be able to vote yourselves and vote for whom you think deserves to be elected.

Sometimes you tell your husband for whom to vote, and when you come to find out someone gives him liquor or pays him to vote, and what happens? He does not remember to vote at all. Will someone please tell me the reason why women in these small Bahamian Islands are not allowed to vote? In all the passing years we find that woman has been developing her powers much faster than anyone would have supposed possible. She stands today quite ready for the task.

Whether we oppose her or applaud her, she now has equal rights with me at the polls – but not in the Bahamas. Why?

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