

**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:
Proceedings of the Constitution-
al Convention:**

Lecompton, K. T., Sept. 9, 1857.

The Convention organized on Tuesday,
by the election of the following officers:

President of the Convention, JOHN CAL-
HOUN;

Secretary, THOS. C. HUGHES; pro tem,
HUGH M. MOORE; Assistant, MR. NOR-
MAN;

Reporter, MR. CASEY, of New York;

Sergeant-at-arms, SAM'L CRAMER;

Door-keeper, WM COOK.

A resolution was adopted that the mem-
bers of the Convention should take an
oath to support the Constitution of the U.
S., the Kansas Bill, and faithfully de-
mean themselves in office.

MR. BISHOP, a justice of the peace of
Lecompton, administered the oath, in the
following form:

"You do solemnly swear to support the
Constitution of the United States, and the
act to organize the Territories of Nebrask-
a and Kansas, and faithfully discharge
the duties imposed upon you, as delegates
to this Convention."

There were forty-five members present,
to whom the oath was administered—fif-
teen being absent.

MR. MCKOWN nominated JOHN CAL-
HOUN for President of the Convention.

MR. REID nominated Judge RUSH ELL-
MORE.

MR. KEY nominated MR. VANDERSLICK.
At the request of Maj. V., his name was
withdrawn.

Maj. VANDERSLICK nominated L. J.
EASTIN.

MR. EASTIN hoped his name would be
withdrawn, and said he was not a candi-
date; that his name had been used with-
out his knowledge or consent, but consid-
ered the position one of honor and dis-
tinction, and if conferred upon him unsol-
icited, he would esteem it as the highest
honor that could be conferred; but as he
was not a candidate, he hoped his name
would be withdrawn.

Maj. VANDERSLICK insisted upon his
nomination, for at least one ballot.

For CALHOUN—Messrs. Adkins,
Boling, Butcher, Christison, Connell, Dol-
lman, Doniphan, Danforth, Eastin, Ell-
more, Greenwood, Hereford, Hascall,
Henderson, Hamilton, Jenkins, Jones, A.
W., Kookogee, Kuykendall, Little, Moore,
Martin, McKown, Redman, Randolph, J.
S., Randolph, Wells and Wallace—28.

For ELLMORE—Messrs. Blair, Bry-
ant, Bayne, Calhoun, Heiskill, Key, Ly-
kins, Matthews, Reynolds, Reid, Spicely,
and Stewart—12.

For EASTIN—Messrs. Barlow, Chiles,
Hays, Overstreet, Smith and Vander-
slie—6.

For Secretary of the Convention, T. C.
HUGHES, MR. NORMAN, and MR. FORD
were put in nomination. The vote stood:
HUGHES 30; NORMAN 11; FORD 4;
HUGHES elected.

For Assistant Secretary, Mr. Norman,
of Johnson, and Jas. Armstrong, of Dou-
glass county, were put in nomination.—
The vote stood: Norman 30; Armstrong
15; Norman elected.

For Reporter, Messrs. Casey and Scully
were put in nomination. The vote stood:
Casey 29, Scully 16; Casey elected.

Casey, it is said, is reporter for the New
York Times.

MR. SAM'L CRAMER was unanimously
elected Sergeant-at-arms.

MR. HUGH M. MOORE was elected, by
acclamation, President *pro tem.* of the Con-
vention.

Messrs. Jas. L. Wallace, J. H. Jack-
son and WM. COOK were nominated for
Door-keeper. On the 3rd ballot, the vote
stood: Cook 24, Jackson 12, Wallace 9;
Cook elected.

Judge Ellmore read a certificate of the
Territory, of an election held in Anderson
county, for two delegates to the Con-
vention, in which Messrs. Gilpatrick and
Campbell were elected. In consequence
of no census having been taken in this
county, within the time prescribed by law,
in the apportionment, no representation
was given this county. The citizens have
had an irregular election, complying, how-
ever with the spirit of the law. Their
delegates now ask to be admitted.

The whole subject was referred to the
following committee: Messrs. Ellmore,
Eastin, Bolling, Danforth and Dollman.

The committee have had the subject
under consideration, and will report to-
morrow. The members of the Con-
vention are disposed to admit them, if they
can do so without any violation of law.—

The Convention Act provides for sixty
members, but does not, as some suppose,
say the Convention shall not exceed sixty
members. More soon.

L. J. EASTIN.