

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Democratic State Convention.

Thursday, January 8, 1852.

Agreeably to previous notice, the Democratic State Convention of Mississippi met in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

On motion of S. R. Adams, of Jasper, Col. R. W. Roberts, of Scott, was called temporarily to the Chair, when, on motion of C. J. Searles, of Warren, the following officers were elected:

President, Hon. POWHATTAN ELLIS, of Adams.

Vice-Presidents:

- Hon. Stephen Cooke, of Monroe.
J. B. Nevitt, of Adams.
Wm. McWillie, of Madison.
E. C. Wilkinson, of Yazoo.
Claiborne Harris, of Holmes.
Wm. Barksdale, of Lowndes.
Daniel Thomas, of Hinds.
Col. J. C. Gibbons, of Marshall.
Col. Jas. Drane, of Choctaw.
Col. J. Deavors, of Itawamba.
H. H. Cassidy, of Franklin.
E. R. Buckner, of Scott.

Secretaries:

- M. D. Haynes, of Yazoo.
J. M. Thompson, of Chickasaw.
J. R. Davis, of Madison.
S. Dill, of Marshall.
J. L. Autry, do.

On motion of J. Drane, of Choctaw, a Committee was appointed to wait on the Hon. Powhattan Ellis, and inform him of his election as President of the Convention, together with the Vice-Presidents and Secretaries.

Hon. Powhattan Ellis, on taking the chair, made an eloquent speech, recommending concession and harmony.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, of Warren, the counties were called, and the names of the delegates registered:

LIST OF COUNTIES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

- Adams—John A. Quitman, John Beckwith, A. Caruthers, R. Stanton.
Amite—S. J. Nix.
Attala—J. A. P. Campbell, J. B. Hemphill, G. Pope, Dr. James Meek.
Bolivar—O. L. Been.
Carroll—A. Reeves, H. W. Hill, A. Smith.
Chickasaw—Hon. W. S. Featherston, R. G. Steele, James McCrory, J. M. Thompson, J. A. Orr.
Choctaw—James Drane, P. F. Liddell.
Claiborne—H. F. Ellet, Lem. Bridewell, George S. Clarke, G. W. Read, A. H. Peck.
Columbia—P. R. Talliaferro.
Copiah—E. R. Brown, W. W. Martin, Hon. S. Tillman, J. H. Thompson, Z. Hooker, R. P. Howell, J. J. Smiley, W. S. Williams.
Covington—S. B. Hawthorn, E. A. Paden, Joseph McAfee, Wm. Leggett.
Clarke—R. A. Hundley, C. Y. Mayerhoff, W. A. Ward.
Franklin—H. Cassidy, Col. J. Davis, M. Smith.
Greene—Jas. McAfee.
Hancock—A. W. Ramsey, John A. Quitman, G. R. Fall, E. Barksdale, F. C. Jones, S. B. Pierce.
Hinds—H. O. Dixon, Wm. Goode, G. R. Fall, Daniel Thomas, C. A. Parker, Charles Manship, Jesse Thompson, Maj. W. Austin, Martin, G. E. Toole, J. T. Elliot, E. Lott, E. Powell, C. E. Hooker, Robert Kells, W. Rossman, Jos. Ditsen, John A. Walton, J. W. Wilbourn, J. A. Criddle, Dr. George Stokes, Chas B. Green, J. M. Smith, A. R. Barlowes, J. M. Greaves, Samuel Smith, M. W. Phillips, Wm. Smith, J. T. Simms, G. W. Mims, R. Foundren, R. J. Coopender, S. Mims, E. P. Russell, J. W. Robinson, R. D. Patton, E. Barksdale, A. Hutchinson, G. W. L. Smith, D. C. Glenn, C. R. Dickson, Samuel Redus, R. Griffith, Jo. Bell, M. J. Bunch, Thomas Stewart, T. J. Wharton, J. J. Deavenport, J. E. Fitzpatrick, C. D. Learned, R. A. Clark, S. H. Lester, R. Hatcher, H. Smyth, Geo. T. Swan, Chas. Dudley, Geo. Work, H. J. Shackelford, W. S. Langly, Preston Estelle, J. C. Napier, C. D. Isom, Gen. J. R. Jefferson, J. H. Ball.
Holmes—M. L. Fitch, Claiborne Harris, S. B. Owens.
Harrison—J. J. Humphries.
Itawamba—C. Deavors, R. O. Beene, Charles Hodges.
Jackson—A. E. Lewis.
Jasper—S. R. Adams, L. J. Jones.
Jones—Drury Bynum.
Lafayette—J. M. Howry, C. G. Butler, J. E. Talliaferro.
Lawrence—J. B. Clrisman, John Dickerson.
Lowndes—Wm. Barksdale, W. D. Chapman, W. B. Cavanaugh, James Whitfield, John Seale.
Madison—A. H. Handy, O. R. Singleton, Jos. R. Davis, J. J. Singleton, John M. Elder, James S. Pritchard, Wm. McWillie, G. Goodloe, E. H. Powell, John L. Jones, B. Cavilthorn, T. G. Melloi, Jas. Ridley, Wm. Bennett, Jesse Brown, Dr. Wm. Phillips, J. Hickman, Dr. Aldridge, G. W. Edwards, S. Daugherty, Benj. Wilson, Charles Lyles, Jesse Mabry, T. B. Daugherty, M. Granberry, John W. Boddie, R. Loughhorn, S. P. Hill, E. G. Henry, Geo. Calhoun, John M. Elder, S. H. Lanier, Wm. Travis.
Marion—Wm. Lot, E. C. Stewart.
Marshall—Robert Barton, J. H. R. Taylor, James I. Autry, R. S. Creer, S. H. Dill, J. C. Gibbons.
Monroe—Stephen Cooke, Dr. J. Y. Thompson, Dr. B. W. Earle.
Newton—Wm. Thames.
Oktibbeha—Wm. S. Barry.
Panola—W. M. Estelle.
Pike—J. G. H. Sasser.
Pontotoc—Hon. John Bell, J. Bardin, R. D. Shackelford, Chas. D. Fountain.
Rankin—German Berry, A. M. Stratton, Wright Fore, John W. Stanley, Redwin Pierce, D. A. Campbell, Benjamin Sutton, Rev. Caler Price, Robert Maxey, William Lane, Dr. J. M. Quin, John McCoy, Herring Deer, Shad J. Denson, Dr. Evans, A. McDonnell, James Lowry, Dr. Haley, J. M. Jayne, Joseph Bennett, J. H. Hicks, William Denson, Charles Williams, J. C. Lynch, John McKay, John Granberry, W. H. Kirkland, Samuel Davis, Hardy Deer, Jr., J. R. Kirkland, John Davis, J. J. Dohan, George Davis, Capt. D. Williams, John McDonald, R. Weathersby, David Rhodes, James Roberts, Duncan McRae, W. H. Clarke, J. B. Hendricks, Dr. R. S. Farris, James Lumb, Jno. E. Rhodes, W. J. Denson, David Kersh, Telfair Harrell, A. Eansterling, Daniel Rhodes, T. V. Berry, James Holmes, Martin Boon, Joseph Pennington, David Thomas, John Collier, Jr., R. A. Swarr, P. H. Williams, John Morrison, Hiram Jones, William Wormack, Louis Howell, Cornelius Meyers, Dr. Wm. Shropshire, John Purvis, James Patrick, Lewis Gibson, J. Ray.
Scott—Hon. R. W. Roberts, J. G. Keakea, D. R. Jones, Wm. Thomas, E. Rush Buckner.
Simpson—J. M. Dampier.
Smith—Hon. Sam. Noble, G. S. McMillan, W. S. Smith, Richard Goulin.
Tippah—Joel H. Berry.
Tishomingo—W. H. H. Tison, D. R. Corley.
Warren—Jeff. Davis, W. H. Sparke, W. Biggs, A. Gamble, J. E. Davis, J. Trowbridge, G. Messenger, A. B. Cook, J. Spears, S. S. Booth, Jno. Ragan, C. J.

Searles, A. Alexander, Berry Dent, N. D. Coleman, J. Roach, H. J. Harris, Jeff. Nailor, D. B. Messenger, John Robb, Dr. E. A. Brian, J. R. Enloe.

Washington—A. Wickliff.

Wayne—Col. Wm. Ready.

Yallobusha—G. S. Golliday, Maj. Guy, Simpson Parks.

Yazoo—E. C. Wilkinson, J. M. Sharpe, D. Walker, C. Bowman, F. Bostick, F. W. Maybin, T. R. Holloman, Dent H. Miles, S. S. Wright, A. M. Hardin, W. W. McWillie, W. E. Pugh, M. Pickett, R. Bowman, M. D. Haynes, E. L. Bower, R. M. Johnson, Wm. Russell, C. Bowman.

The following Committee on resolutions were appointed:

Hon. H. T. Ellett, chairman, of Claiborne; J. B. Nevitt, Adams; J. F. Talliaferro, La Fayette; Stephen Cooke, Monroe; Joseph Bell, Pontotoc; Wm. McWillie, Madison; A. H. Handy, Madison; C. Deavors, Itawamba; Ward, Clarke; Ramsey, Jackson; Golliday, Yallobusha; Beene, Tippah; Wm. Barksdale, Lowndes; Wm. A. Stone, Lawrence; Hon. W. S. Featherston, Chickasaw.

The Committee to whom all resolutions were referred, reported the following resolutions through the chairman, Hon. H. T. Ellett:

RESOLUTIONS:

The Democratic Party of the State of Mississippi, assembled by their Delegates in State Convention, called in pursuance of the established usage of the party, adopt the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That this Convention adopt and ratify the following resolutions passed by the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, in 1848: "Resolved, That the American democracy place their trust not in factitious symbols, not in displays and appeals insulting to the judgments and subversive of the intellect of the people, but in clear reliance upon the intelligence, the patriotism and the discriminating justice of the American masses.

Resolved, That we regard this as a distinctive feature of our political creed, which we are proud to maintain before the world as the great moral element in a form of government, springing from and upheld by the popular will; and we contrast it with the creed and practice of federalism, under whatever name or form, which seeks to palsify the will of the constituent, and which conceives no imposture too monstrous for the popular credulity.

Resolved, therefore, That entertaining these views, the Democratic party of this Union, thro' their delegates assembled in a general Convention of the States, coming together in the spirit concord, of devotion to the doctrines and faith of a free representative government, and appealing to their fellow-citizens for the rectitude of their intentions, renew and re-assert before the American people, the declaration of principles avowed by them when, on a former occasion, in general Convention, they presented their candidates for the popular suffrages:

1. That the Federal Government is one of limited powers, derived solely from the Constitution, and the grants of power shown therein ought to be strictly construed by all the departments and agents of the government, and that it is inexpedient and dangerous to exercise doubtful constitutional powers.

2. That the Constitution does not confer upon the General Government the power to commence and carry on a general system of internal improvements.

3. That the Constitution does not confer authority upon the Federal Government, directly or indirectly, to assume the debts of the several States, contracted for local internal improvements, or other State purposes; nor would such assumption be just and expedient.

4. That justice and sound policy forbid the Federal Government to foster one branch of industry to the detriment of another, or to cherish the interests of one portion to the injury of another portion of our common country; that every citizen and every section of the country has a right to demand and insist upon an equality of rights and privileges, and to complete and ample protection of persons and property from domestic violence and foreign aggression.

5. That it is the duty of every branch of the government to enforce and practise the most rigid economy in conducting our public affairs, and that no more revenue ought to be raised than is required to defray the necessary expenses of the Government.

6. That Congress has no power to charter a national bank; that we believe such an institution one of deadly hostility to the best interests of the country, dangerous to our republican institutions and the liberties of the people, and calculated to place the business of the country within the control of a concentrated money power, and above the laws and will of the people.

7. That Congress has no power, under the Constitution, to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States; and that such States are the sole and proper judges of everything appertaining to their own affairs, not prohibited by the Constitution; that all efforts of the abolitionists or others, made to induce Congress to interfere with questions of slavery, or to take incipient steps in relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences; and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people, and endanger the stability and permanency of the Union, and ought not to be countenanced by any friend to our political institutions.

8. That the separation of the moneys of the government from banking institutions is indispensable for the safety of the funds of the government and the rights of the people.

9. That the liberal principles embodied in Jefferson, in the Declaration of Independence, and sanctioned in the Constitution, which make ours the land of liberty, and the asylum of the oppressed of every nation, have ever been cardinal principles in the Democratic faith; and every attempt to abridge the present privilege of becoming citizens and the owners of soil among us, ought to be resisted with the same spirit which swept the alien and sedition laws from our statute book.

Resolved, That the proceeds of the public lands ought to be sacredly applied to the national objects specified in the Constitution; and that we are opposed to the law lately adopted, and to any law for the distribution of such proceeds among the States, as alike inexpedient in policy and repugnant to the Constitution.

Resolved, That we are decidedly opposed to taking from the President the qualified veto power by which he is enabled, under restrictions and responsibilities, amply sufficient to guard the public interest, to suspend the passage of a bill; whose merits cannot secure the approval of two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, until the judgment of the people can be obtained thereon, and which has thrice saved the American people from the corrupt and tyrannical domination of the Bank of the United States.

Resolved, That this Convention reports and declares its full and firm adherence to the Kentucky resolutions of 1798, and the Virginia Resolutions of 1799, as containing and setting forth the fundamental principles of Democracy, and that said resolutions be published as a part of the proceedings of this Convention, as follows, to wit:

[The Resolutions of 1798 and '99, we have heretofore published, and we will republish in full hereafter.]

3. Resolved, That this Convention will appoint fifty Delegates to represent the Democracy of Mis-

issippi in the Democratic National Convention, to be held for for the nomination of candidates for the next President and Vice-President of the United States.

The resolutions of the committee were unanimously adopted.

The Convention went into the nomination for Members of the Electoral College for the next Presidential election, when the following gentlemen were elected:

FOR THE STATE AT LARGE,

- Capt. A. M. Jackson, Hon. E. C. Wilkinson.
First Con. Dist.—Capt. J. H. R. Taylor.
Second do. do.—Hon. W. S. Featherston.
Third do. do.—Hon. Q. R. Singleton.
Fourth do. do.—Hon. Hiram Cassidy.

A Central Committee, three from each Congressional District, to fill vacancies in the Baltimore Delegation was appointed.

Central Committee appointed by the President.

- Jno. D. Elliott, chairman; J. A. Orr; E. C. Stewart; Jos. W. Matthews; Jno. Martin Elder; Stephen Tillman; George Torrey; C. S. Tarpley; Gen. John Bell; Wylie P. Harris; George T. Swann; Joseph Bell; Henry T. Ellett; Geo. R. S. Greer; J. F. Cushman.

During the two days' session of the Convention the following gentlemen were invited by resolution to address that large and influential body:

- Col. Jeff. Davis; Gen. John A. Quitman; Hon. Roger Barton; Gen. Robert Stanton; and Hon. James H. Thomas, of Ten.

The following is the list of DELEGATES TO THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION:

For the State at large appointed by the Convention.

- Roger Barton.
Powhattan Ellis.
Jacob Thompson.

For the State at large appointed by the President.

- Gov. Jas. Whitfield.
Jno. B. Nevitt.
Jos. McAfee.
James Drane.
Wm. A. Stone.
Geo. W. L. Smith.
Robert Josselyn.
Richard Griffith.
George R. Fall.
Z. Barksdale.

First District.

- James M. Howry, of Lafayette.
A. M. Clayton, of Marshall.
Gen. John Rayburn, Panola.
Col. C. D. Fountain, Pontotoc.
Hon. A. B. Dilworth, Tishomingo.
Hon. R. O. Beene, Itawamba.
Hon. J. W. Chalmers, Marshall.
Col. J. P. Anderson, DeSoto.
Hon. W. H. H. Tison, Tishomingo.
Hon. D. B. Wright, Tippah.

Second District.

- Gen. Reuben Davis, Monroe county.
Capt. J. M. Acker, do do.
James Blair, Lowndes.
Elias B. Fort, do.
Hon. Wm. S. Barry, Oktibbeha.
Kyle Chandler, Chickasaw.
Hon. C. H. Guy, Yallobusha.
John McAfee, Talliahaehie.
Wm. Cothran, Carroll.
Dr. Wade Hopkins, Noxubee.

Third District.

- Col. D. C. Glenn, Hinds.
H. J. Harris, Warren.
R. M. Johnson, Yazoo.
J. B. Owens, Holmes.
Robert Maxey, Rankin.
Col. Wm. McWillie, Madison.
D. M. Fulton, do.
C. E. Hooker, Hinds.
R. W. Roberts, Scott.
J. J. Pettus, Kemper.
John D. Elliott, Hinds.

Fourth District.

- Gen. R. Stanton, Adams.
G. W. Reid, Claiborne.
Col. W. A. Ward, Clarke.
Z. Hooker, Copiah.
Capt. J. S. Johnston, Jefferson.
Col. Humphries, Harrison.
Alfred E. Lewis, Jackson.
S. R. Adams, Jasper.
J. Crisman, Lawrence.
Col. Geo. H. Gordon, Wilkinson.