

Political.

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Jackson Meeting.—At a meeting of the citizens of Edgecombe county, friendly to the election of Gen. Andrew Jackson of Tennessee, as President, and the Hon. John C. Calhoun of South-Carolina, as Vice-President of these United States, assembled at the Court-house in Tarborough, on Monday the 10th March, 1823:

On motion of Richard Hines, Esq. Col. Robert Joyner was appointed Chairman, and George Howard, Secretary.

The object of the meeting being stated by the Chairman:

On motion, Col. Peter Hines, Spencer L. Hart, and Kinchen Hines, Esq. were appointed a committee to count and ascertain the number of persons present—who reported that there were 230.

On motion of Gen. L. D. Wilson, the Chairman then appointed Richard Hines, Esq. Peter Evans, Jos. S. Battle, Esq. Dr. Benj. Boykin, Henry Bryan, Esq. Michael Hearn, John F. Hughes, Esq. Col. Benj. Wilkinson and Gray Little, Esq. a committee to draw up such resolutions as this meeting may think proper to adopt. The Committee, after retiring for a short time, reported:

That the reasons urged for and against the two distinguished individuals, who are at present before the people as candidates for the Presidency, has become so common at meetings on both sides of the question, that little or nothing can now be said on the subject without mere repetition, in favor of either candidate. We, however, entertain the fullest confidence in the abilities, virtue, and patriotism of Gen. Andrew Jackson, to manage and conduct successfully the affairs of this Republic—therefore:

Resolved, That we will use every honorable means in our power, to elect Gen. Andrew Jackson of Tennessee to the next Presidency, and the Hon. John C. Calhoun of South-Carolina to the Vice-Presidency of these United States.

Resolved, That Richard Hines, Esq. Dr. Benj. Boykin, and Col. Robert Joyner be appointed Delegates, to meet in Convention at Washington, on the Monday preceding the last Monday in May next, such delegates as may be appointed from the other counties composing this electoral district, to select a suitable person as an Elector for this district, and that the delegates appointed by this meeting, be instructed to vote for our fellow citizen, Gen. Louis D. Wilson as Elector on the Jackson and Calhoun Ticket for this State.

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be a Committee of Vigilance for this County, viz: Rev. Josiah R. Horn, Dr. Blake Little, Benj. Miller, Reddick Barnes, Esq. Wm. D. Petway, Col. Frederick F. Robbins, Larry Dew, Esq. Hardy Flowers, Esq. John Horn, Esq. Col. David Williams, John Mercer, Esq. Thos. Amazon, Col. Benj. Sharpe, Maj. Joab P. Pitt, Moses Baker, Esq. Jesse

C. Knight, Esq. Col. Benj. Wilkinson, Maj. Etheldred Gray, Dr. James J. Philips, Kinchen Hines, Esq. Harrison Pitman, Maj. Lunsford R. Cherry, Henry Bryan, Esq. John N. Philips, Wm. Savage, Esq. Dempsey Bryan, Esq. Jas. Biggs, Esq. Ely Howell, Esq. Col. Bennet H. Bell, Col. Kineth C. Staton, Capt. John Mooring, Gray Little, Esq. Frederick Jones, Col. Dan'l Hopkins, Peter Evans, John F. Hughes, Esq. Richard Hines, Esq. Capt. John Thigpen, Col. Peter Hines, Redding Sugg, Spencer L. Hart, Charles W. Knight, Esq. Mich'l Hearn, Richard Harrison, Esq. Gen. Louis D. Wilson, Col. Robert Joyner, Godwin Cotten, Henry Austin, Esq. Dr. Benj. Boykin, Exum L. Lowe, Esq. Dr. Richard Bell, Alex. S. Cotten, and Wm. J. Andrews.

Resolved, That Peter Evans, Col. Robert Joyner, and Exum L. Lowe, Esq. be a committee, to communicate the proceedings of this meeting to the Central Jackson Committee at Raleigh.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary, and be published in the Raleigh Star and Tarboro' Free Press.

The Report having been unanimously adopted, it was further

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Chairman thereof.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn.

ROBT. JOYNER, Ch'n.
Geo. Howard, Sec'y.

Convention of the 11th Electoral District.—Delegates from the counties of Martin, Bertie, Hertford and Northampton, composing the 11th Electoral District, convened at Brittain's Cross Roads, on Friday, the 7th ult. for the purpose of selecting some suitable person, friendly to the election of Gen. Andrew Jackson as the next President of the United States, whom they might recommend as an Elector for the said District. Col. William B. Lockhart of Northampton, Dr. Isaac Pipkin of Hertford, and Col. Joseph J. Williams of Martin, having been nominated as suitable persons, a ballot was held which resulted in favor of Col. Joseph J. Williams of Martin, who received a majority of votes.

Madison and Monroe.—It appears from the following correspondence, that, as was anticipated by many, these venerable fathers of the Republic, have declined serving as Electors on the Adams Electoral Ticket in Virginia.

Copy of the Circular Letter addressed by Judge Brooke to Mr. Madison, to Col. Monroe, and to each of the other gentlemen nominated as Electors by the convention lately held in Richmond:

Richmond, Feb. 3, 1823.

My Dear Sir: I avail myself of the earliest moment since the Proceedings and Address to the people of Virginia were printed, under the direction of the central committee, to comply with the resolution of the convention, requesting me to transmit a copy thereof to each of the gentlemen

nominated on its Electoral Ticket; and to inform them of their several appointments; and in pursuance thereof, now have the honor to transmit you a copy of the Proceedings and Address, and to inform you of your appointment. With very great respect, &c.

Your Obt. Servt.

F. T. BROOKE,
President of the convention.

Copy of Mr. Madison's Letter to Judge Brooke.

Montpelier, Feb. 22, 1823.

Dear Sir: The mail of last evening brought me your circular communication, by which I am informed of my being nominated by the convention at Richmond on the 3th of January, one of the Electors recommended for the next appointment of Chief Magistrate of the U. States.

Whilst I express the great respect I feel to be due to my fellow-citizens composing that assembly, I must request that another name be substituted for mine on the Electoral Ticket.

After a continuance in public life, with a very brief interval, through a period of more than forty years, and at the age then attained, I considered myself as violating no duty, in allotting for what of life might remain, a retirement from scenes of political agitation and excitement. Adhering to this view of my situation, I have forbore, during the existing contest, as I had done during the preceding, to participate in any measures of a party character; and the restraint imposed on myself is necessarily strengthened by an admonishing sense of increasing years. Nor with these considerations could I fail to combine a recollection of the public relations in which I stood to the distinguished individuals now dividing the favor of the country, and the proofs given to both, of the high estimation in which they were held by me.

In offering this explanation, I hope I may be pardoned for not suppressing a wish which must be deeply and extensively felt, that the discussious incident to the depending contest, may be conducted in a spirit and manner, neither unfavorable to a dispassionate result, nor unworthy of the great and advancing cause of Representative Government.

With great esteem and respect,
JAMES MADISON.

Frs. T. Brooke,

Pres't of the convention, &c.

Copy of Col. Monroe's letter to Judge Brooke.

Oak Hill, Feb. 22, 1823.

Dear Sir: I have, by this day's mail, received your letter, announcing my nomination, by the convention lately assembled in Richmond, Virginia, as an Elector, at the ensuing election, in favor of the distinguished citizen whom they designate, as President of the United States. For reasons, which I hope will be satisfactory to you, to the members of that body, and to my fellow-citizens generally, and which I will frankly communicate, I consider it a duty to decline the trust in question.

After the long and laborious service in which I have been enga-

ged, and in the most difficult conjunctures to which our country has been exposed, it is my earnest desire to cherish tranquillity in my retirement. Important as this object is to me, I am satisfied, if I become a party in elections, to the high office of Chief Magistrate of the United States, that I cannot accomplish it. In the pending election, I have motives of a personal nature, which would make it particularly painful to me to interpose. Having held in the office from which I lately retired, a very friendly relation, with both the candidates, and given to each strong proofs of confidence and regard, it would be very repugnant to my feelings to take the part of either against the other.

Other considerations drew my attention, at an early period, to this subject, and confirmed me in this decision. As a permanent rule, I was led to conclude that it would be better for our country, and contribute more to the success of our excellent system of government, that those who have held the office of chief magistrate, should abstain in their retirement, from becoming partisans in subsequent elections to that office. Instances may occur, in the course of time, and in the vicissitude of human affairs, in which the opinion of those who have had long experience, may be useful. Every government that has existed, has been exposed to trying emergencies. All those which were strictly republican have been subverted. Ours will, I trust, experience a different fate. Should an emergency of any kind ever occur, it may be important that there should be, among the people, some men unconnected with either of the contending parties, and among them those who have retired from that high office, whose voice might be heard. To render service, they must enjoy, in like degree, the confidence of the whole community in their disinterestedness and impartiality. If they embark as partisans on either side, they would have no weight with the other. By remaining neutral, it might be otherwise.

On full consideration, before my retirement, I concluded that the course suggested, would be best adapted to my own peace and tranquillity, and contribute most, as a permanent rule, to the welfare of my country. Under this conviction, I then formed the decision stated, have frequently declared it since, and cannot depart from it.

With great respect, I am your ob't serv't,

JAMES MONROE.

Francis T. Brooke, Esq.
President of the convention lately held at Richmond.

New-York.—The Hon. Martin Van Buren, of the U. S. Senate, and Mr. Solomon Southwick, of Albany, are spoken of as candidates for the office of Governor of New-York, in the place of Dewitt Clinton, deceased. The friends of Gen. Jackson will probably support Mr. Van Buren, and those of the Administration, Mr. Southwick. A few months since, Mr.