

SOUTHERN CITIZEN.

WHAT DO WE LIVE FOR, BUT TO IMPROVE OURSELVES AND BE USEFUL TO ONE ANOTHER?

VOLUME III.

ASHEBORO, (N. C.) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1839.

NUMBER 44.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

BENJAMIN SWAIN.

TERMS.

Two Dollars per annum, in advance, or Three Dollars, if not paid until three months from the date of the first number received.

No subscription to be discontinued unless appearing be paid; unless at the discretion of the Editor.

A failure to order a discontinuance before the expiration of the subscription year, is equivalent to a new engagement.

All Letters, Communications, &c. to come post paid.

Prices for Advertising.

Advertisements will be conspicuously and handsomely inserted at \$1 00 per square of 16 lines; and 25 cents for every subsequent insertion.—No advertisement, however short, will be charged less than for a square.

Court Orders and judicial advertisements will be charged 25 percent higher; (we sometimes have to wait so long for the pay.)

Those who advertise by the year will be entitled to a deduction of 23 per cent., provided they pay in advance.

From the Raleigh Register.

WHIG STATE CONVENTION.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1839.

This being the day, recommended by the Whig Members of the Legislature of North Carolina, for holding a State Convention at Raleigh, the Delegates assembled at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the spacious room of B. B. Smith's large building, occupied by the House of Commons at the last Session.

James Mebane, Esq., a Delegate from Caswell, called the meeting to order, and proposed that the Convention be organized by the appointment of Gov. John Owen, a Delegate from the Senatorial District of Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus, as President of the body. The motion having been put by Mr. Mebane it was decided in the affirmative, unanimously, and Gov. Owen was accordingly conducted to the Chair, from whence he addressed the Convention, in substance, as follows:

Gentlemen:—I thank you most sincerely, for the distinction conferred upon me by the vote just taken. The honor could have fallen on no one less qualified for the duties of the station—or no one, who had less anticipations of such a mark of favor. Wholly conscious of my inability to discharge the functions of the Chair, I should yet be wanting in my duty to my own feelings and evince a want of proper respect for the body over which I am called to preside, were I to deny myself the gratification of expressing my sense of the kindness manifested by their choice.

The objects for which we have assembled, Gentlemen, may be explained in a few words; and coming as you do, from different, and many of you, from distant points of the State, I cannot think of consuming a greater portion of your time, than is barely necessary to specify the objects for which we have convened.

At a meeting of the Whig Members of the Legislature of this State, at its last session, this Convention was recommended, and sanctioned as it has been since, by the voice of our fellow-citizens, through the medium of primary meetings, we are now here, in the exercise of a privilege guaranteed to us by the sacred charter of our liberties. The period is drawing near when the Freeman of North Carolina will be called on to indicate their preference for Governor of the State. How the duties of that responsible office have been performed by the present enlightened, virtuous and patriotic incumbent of the Executive Chair, it is unnecessary to state. His acts are before the world, and speak for themselves, as unto wise men, who are to judge. It is, however, only doing sheer justice to say, that he has acted well his part—it will be fortunate for the State, if his mantle shall fall upon his successor. Who that successor is to be, rather, to determine whom the Whigs of the State desire for the station is the principal object for which this

Convention has assembled. One other specific object I will name. We are to inaugurate us to the expediency of sending Delegates to the National Convention, and to the State, an expression of our approval, or disapproval, of the measures. For six successive Administrations, comprising a period of nearly half a century, the efforts of our Government, were impeded, under our almost perfect constitution, with consummate ability and wisdom. During that time, Agriculture, and the Arts, Commerce and science, and the Religion of our Fathers, were nourished and encouraged throughout the wide extent of our peaceful empire. On a sudden from this high and commanding situation, has the country been thrown into distress and confusion. Misrule and corruption have crept into the Administration of our National Government; and from an elevation, where we stood the admiration of the civilized world, we have been tumbled headlong into the abyss of wretchedness and crime. How, and by whom, this has been done, it is for us, as a competent part of the people, to judge; though they are matters which may, more appropriately, be referred to in the discussions of this body.

With renewed thanks, gentlemen, for your kindness, I shall endeavor, in my feeble way, to discharge, faithfully, the duties incident to the station conferred upon me.

On motion of Mr. Mendenhall, Gen. S. F. Patterson, of Wilkes, and Henry Watkins Miller, Esq. of Wake, were appointed Secretaries.

The President having announced that the Convention was duly organized, on motion of Col. Long, of Halifax, the Counties of the State were called, for the purpose of ascertaining what counties were represented, and the names of the Delegates in attendance, which resulted as follows:

H. H. Winston, John A. McRea, Thomas Waddill, James M. Waddill, Wm. S. Ashe.

Beaufort—William Ellises. Bladen—Thomas C. Smith. Chatham—Isaiah Burns, B. Blegg. Chowan—Robert T. Pate. Cumberland—Robert C. Belden, J. C. Pearson, Edward W. Barge, Duncan Bile, J. C. Blocker.

Caswell—Warder M. Lewis, James Mebane. Duplin—C. D. Hill, B. T. Grady, J. F. Rhodes.

Davidson—Charles Brummell, C. L. Payne.

Davie—Caswell Harbin.

Edgecomb—Richard W. Battle, J. F. Hughs.

Franklin—N. R. Taylor, Jos. A. Whitaker, Benj. Foster, D. and Thomas.

Gates—Willis F. J. W. J. Baker, Jesse Wiggins, B. Goodman, Rufus K. Speed.

Governor—R. B. Gilliam, Wm. M. Sneed, Jas. A. Russell, H. W. Jones, Jvay Harris, Wm. T. Hargrove, Wm. A. Johnson.

Guilford—Geo. C. Mendenhall, Jas. McHenry, Ralph Gorrell, Peter Adams, Wm. H. Britain.

Halifax—Wm. L. Long.

Hertford—Kenneth Rayner, John L. Taylor.

Irwell—Joseph P. Caldwell.

Mecklenburg—Moses W. Alexander.

Montgomery—Francis Locke, G. Davis.

Sam'l H. Christain.

Moore—Charles Chalmers, S. C. Bruce, Donald Street.

Northampton—A. B. Smith, Thomas G. Tucker, S. B. Spruill.

Onslow—Daniel L. Russell, Owen Huggins.

Orange—Wm. Barbee, James Webb, Wm. A. Carrigan.

Randolph—John B. Troy.

Richmond—John C. McLaurin, Jas. D. Pemberton.

Rowan—Junius Sneed.

Rockingham—Robert B. Watt, J. M. Ross.

Stokes—Albert F. Nelson, Isaac L. Gibson, Galead H. Matthews.

Surry—Columbus B. Franklin.

Wake—John H. Bryan, John Hinton, Hugh McQueen, Dan'l S. Crenshaw, Johnston Bosbec, Adam G. Banks, H. W. Miller, Stephen Stephenson.

Warren—John B. Williams, Richard Davison.

Wayne—N. Washington, Jas. G. Caldwell, John G. Stocumb, Geo. W. Collier.

Wicks—Samuel I. Patterson. From the 30th Senatorial District of N. C.—John Owen.

Mr. Sneed, of Granville, with a view of expediting the business of the Convention, moved that a committee of 13 Delegates, one from each Congressional District in the State, be appointed by the Chair, to take into consideration the purposes for which the Convention had assembled, and to report to the Convention, at its sitting to-morrow, such a course of action as they may deem proper to be pursued.

Mr. McQueen heartily approved of the proposition, but thought that a larger Committee, two from each Congressional District, would better accomplish the purpose desired. Unanimity and concert of action was all-important, and a Report from a large committee, which, without being too cumbersome, would present a miniature picture of the Convention, would, he thought be received with more impressive force and would more accurately embody the public sentiment. He hoped therefore the gentleman would accept his suggestion as a modification of his motion.

Mr. Sneed had no great choice about the matter, but rather preferred the number first mentioned, unless the Convention thought differently.

Mr. Mebane and Mr. Davison hoped the motion for a larger Committee would not be pressed, as a smaller one would more certainly expedite business and produce less embarrassment of action.

Mr. McQueen said, he would not press his motion, his object being simply to secure, as he thought, the recommendations of the Committee, greater respect.

The question now recurring on Mr. Sneed's motion, it was unanimously carried.

The President stated that he would be greatly relieved and obliged, if the Delegates from the several Districts would confer among themselves, and designate some member to serve upon the Committee.

On motion of Col. Long, the Convention took a recess of 15 minutes for this purpose; at the expiration of which, the Convention having been again called to order, the President announced the following:

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

- | | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1st District | Rufus K. Speed |
| 2nd do | William L. Long |
| 3rd do | Wm. Ebbson |
| 4th do | N. Washington |
| 5th do | Richard B. Hill |
| 6th do | Wm. M. Sneed |
| 7th do | P. H. Winston |
| 8th do | Hugh McQueen |
| 9th do | Geo. C. Mendenhall |
| 10th do | Chas. Brummell |
| 11th do | M. W. Alexander |
| 12th do | Sam'l F. Patterson |
| 13th do | C. B. Franklin |

Mr. J. H. Bryan rose and remarked that he had been in the Hall with great pleasure, a distinguished citizen, and a staunch Whig and true. He alluded to Col. Andrew Joyner of Halifax, Speaker of the State Senate. He moved that he be invited to take a seat in the Convention, not, of course, as a Delegate, but as a friend of the Council, knowing what great advantage was to be derived from his experience and patriotism.

The motion was carried by acclamation, and the President invited Col. Joyner within the bar.

Mr. Mebane said, in all deliberative bodies, certain Rules were essential for the preservation of proper decorum. He moved therefore, that the Rules of Order for the government of the House of Commons, be adopted by this Convention. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Davison, of Warren, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, half past nine o'clock.

Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The President having called the Convention to order.

Mr. Speed, from the General Committee, rose and stated that he appeared on its behalf to say, it would be impracticable for them to report before half

past 12 o'clock. He asked permission therefore for the Committee to remain in session until then. Granted.

The President desired any additional Delegates, who might be in attendance since the last sitting, to make the fact known; whereupon Mr. C. C. Stowe, of New Hanover, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Mac Rae rose for information. No provision had been made, he said, prescribing the manner in which the Convention shall vote, in the event of the Ayes and Noes being demanded on any question. He thought the most convenient, just and equitable mode, was to give to each county the same number of votes it was entitled to Members in the House of Commons. He therefore moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That each County, represented in this Convention, shall be entitled to the same number of votes, in the event of the Ayes and Noes being demanded, as it is entitled to Members in the House of Commons.

Mr. Davison was opposed to the Resolution. The members of the Convention he said, were all a portion of the Whig family, and ought to vote on all questions, he thought, per capita. The Resolution would neither be an equitable or suitable one, because many counties were not represented at all. If every county in the State were represented, the case would be different.

The Resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Spruill moved that the Convention take a recess until 12 o'clock. Agreed to.

12 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled, when Isaiah Spencer of Orange, and T. R. Debnaw of Wake, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. McQueen, from the General Committee, made a Report on the matters referred to them. [The Report is of such length, that we are unable to publish it this week, but will give it in our next. It concludes with the following Resolutions.]

1. Resolved, That having been inspired with a deep and lively sense of the eminent practical vigor, sound Republican principles, unblemished public and private virtues, ardent patriotism, and decided abilities of

JOHN M. MOREHEAD, Of the County of Guilford,

we do accordingly recommend him to our fellow-citizens, as a fit successor to our present enlightened Chief-Magistrate, Governor Dudley.

2. Resolved, That in consideration of the pure patriotism, distinguished public services, and splendid abilities of

HENRY CLAY, of Kentucky, this Convention yields to him a decided preference for the next Presidential Term of the United States, and should he be nominated by the Harrisburg Convention, we pledge ourselves to render the nomination a cordial and undivided support.

3. Resolved further, That whilst this Convention is willing to go to any reasonable extent in sanctioning such nomination for the Presidency of the Union, as may hereafter emanate from the National Convention which is to convene at Harrisburg, yet we deem it due to the objects for which this Convention has assembled, to recommend to our Delegates in that Convention to adopt all honorable means which may serve to secure the nomination of Mr. CLAY by that body.

4. Resolved, That in consequence of the superior talents of

NATHANIEL P. TALLMADGE, Of the State of New York,

and from the high estimation we entertain of the intrepid and efficient services which he has contributed to the important principles for which we are contending, we pledge ourselves, in the event of his being nominated by the Harrisburg Convention, to yield to the recommendation a cordial and animated support.

5. Resolved, That ——— and ——— be appointed Delegates to represent the State at large in the Harrisburg Convention; and, in case of their inability or failure to attend, that ——— and ——— be appointed alternates.

6. Resolved, That it be recommended to the Whigs of the several Counties composing the Electoral Districts in this State, to meet in their respective Counties, to confer with the Delegates from the other Counties composing said Districts, in relation to the appointment of an Elector for said District; and that the name of such person as they may agree upon, be forwarded to the Central Committee, to be placed on the Whig Electoral Ticket.

7. Resolved, That it be recommended by the Convention, to the Whigs of the different Counties in this State, to meet at some convenient period, for the purpose of appointing Committees of Vigilance for said Counties.

8. Resolved, That the Whig Central Committee, be requested to prepare and publish a suitable address for distribution among the People of the State, on the subject of the approaching Election for Governor.

9. Resolved further, That the said Committee be also requested to prepare and publish a proper Address to the People, on the all-important subject of the next Presidential Election of the U. States.

10. Resolved, That our present pure, patriotic and enlightened Executive, Gov. DUDLEY, by the ability, purity, impartiality and Republican simplicity of his Administration, has grown extensively in the affections and confidence of the Whig party, since his appointment to his present elevated trust, and that this Convention, in behalf of the Whigs throughout the State of North-Carolina hereby tender to him the homage of their warmest respect and gratitude.

The question being stated by the Chair to be on the adoption of the Report,

Mr. Winston rose and said, that it was due to himself, to place here, opinions, which he had, elsewhere, frequently uttered in strong language. Without wishing to excite a ridiculous debate, he could not, conscientiously, forbear to state his dissent to the Resolution recommending Mr. Tallmadge for the Vice Presidency. He could not vote for it, because he considered that individual deficient in sound moral principle, which was sufficiently exemplified by his vote on the Expunging Resolution. He had shown conclusively by his conduct on that occasion, that he was unworthy of public confidence or respect. Desirous of recording his vote against that particular recommendation, he called for a distinct vote on each Resolution.

Mr. Mebane suggested the propriety of first taking the sense of the Convention upon the Preamble, and then the Resolutions, in regular order; which being acceded to, the President stated the question to be on the adoption of the Preamble, which was decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the Resolutions, the 1st and 2nd were unanimously carried.

The 3rd resolution coming up for consideration, Mr. Troy moved to amend it, by striking out the word instruct, and inserting recommend. He believed that in entering upon instructions, the Convention transcended its powers. The motion was agreed to, and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The 4th resolution being now under consideration, Mr. Speed said, that it was with great diffidence, he rose in this body, to make any remark. Certainly, he had no wish to provoke discussion, but he felt it his duty, at all hazards, to say frankly that Mr. Tallmadge's course had been such that he could not command his support. He was willing to go as far as he that goes farthest, to displace dishonest men, and put honest men in power, but he could not sanction the nomination of Mr. Tallmadge. He had various objections to him, but would state only one—his vote on the Expunging Resolution. If the Whigs of North-Carolina chose to vote for a man, with such a load of political sin resting upon him, he could not help it. He did not say, he would oppose his election by any extraordinary means, but certainly he never would, directly or indirectly, countenance that most abominable of all abominable acts, the mutilation of