

add, on the State I represent, and the whole South.

Mr. Clay was sorry to be obliged to prolong this discussion; but the remarks of the Senator from South Carolina rendered it necessary to add a few remarks in vindication of himself.

Why, sir, (said Mr. C.), I gloried in my strength, and was compelled to introduce the compromise bill, and compelled too, by the Senator, not in consequence of the weakness, but of the strength of my position.

Mr. Walker observed that it was only necessary to look back to the stage of the business when the bill of the gentleman from South Carolina was introduced, to show how the controversy between him and the Senator from Kentucky commenced.

He accuses me of reverting to the part he took in the transactions of 1825. He mis-

takes my object entirely in referring to those old transactions. It was not to make a charge against him, but to make him feel that he was the last man who ought to make the accusation he has on the present occasion.

Mr. Clay wished to add one word more. He made the inquiry of the Senator from South Carolina, to know whether this great measure which contemplated the cession to the new States of such a vast domain, was connected with, or had received the sanction of the Administration or not.

Mr. Allen said, he was about rising when he was anticipated by the Senator from Tennessee, (Mr. Grundy,) and with the same

view. He thought the Committee on the Public Lands the appropriate one to which this matter should be referred.

Mr. Preston said this bill would have a paramount effect on the finances of the country. It was a question whether it would not increase taxation. In this view it was important, and Mr. P. therefore preferred that it should go to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Calhoun said the bill, as he had drawn it, would lead to no reduction of the revenue. It was not to go into operation till June 1842, thus leaving time to adjust the tariff.

Mr. White said he was entirely ignorant of the contents of this bill; but if the reference should be reconsidered, the bill could then be read, and he would be better able to decide to which committee it was most appropriate.

Mr. Calhoun called for the reading of the bill, which was read accordingly.

The question of reconsidering the reference of the bill to the Committee on the Public Lands was then put, and decided by yeas and nays in the negative.

From the N. C. Standard. Democratic Republican State Rights Convention. January 8, 1840.

In pursuance of previous notice, a Convention of the Democratic Republican State Rights Party of North Carolina met in the City of Raleigh, on the 8th of January, 1840.

On motion of Michael Hoke, Esq., a delegate from the County of Lincoln, Gen. Louis D. Wilson, of Edgecombe, was unanimously appointed President of the Convention, and Gabriel Holmes, Esq., of New Hanover, and Henry Fitz, Esq., of Warren, Vice Presidents.

On motion of Col. Louis H. Marsteller, of New Hanover, James C. Dobbins, of Cumberland, and Leonard E. Thompson, of Lincoln, were appointed Secretaries.

After an appropriate and patriotic address from the President of the Convention—On motion the Counties of the State being called, the following Counties appeared by delegates, viz:

- Ansou. James L. Terry, Thos. B. Bailey, and S. W. Cole. Ashe. James M. Nye. Bertie. James L. Webb, and James R. Rayner. Brunswick. Alfred Galloway. Burke. William W. Avery. Caswell. Littleton A. Gwyn, Gen. Thos. W. Graves, and Dr. John B. McMullen. Craven. Zachias Slade. Cumberland. Dr. Thomas N. Cameron, Thomas L. Hybart, Daniel Baker, Alexander McLeod, James G. Cook, James C. Dobbins, and David Reid. Currituck. Robert H. Ballard. Edgecombe. Gen. Louis D. Wilson, W. M. Moye, R. E. McNair, Robert D. Harf, and B. Sharp. Franklin. Washington Branch, Allen C. Petty, and A. H. Davis. Greenville. Wesley W. Young, Benj. C. Cook, John Ziegenfuss, W. S. McClannahan, Thomas L. Hicks, E. Hester, and F. Hawkins. Green. Benjamin C. D. Eason, Elvin G. Spaight, and W. R. Jones. Halifax. L. D. K. Dickens. Hertford. Allen Rogers, Sr., and Thos. Loring. Iredell. M. Hoke, Leonard E. Thompson, and Thos. Loring. Johnston. Thomas Rice, Young Bridges, Jackson Leach, and James Tomlinson. Lenoir. George W. Wallace, W. Pipkin, and Jas. W. Cox. Lincoln. Gen. D. Seagle, Michael Hoke, Leonard E. Thompson, James H. White, and Lawson H. Kistler. Martin. Asa Biggs. Montgomery. F. Martin, Neill Nicholson. Moore. Daniel McNeill, John Thomas, and J. Morrison. Nash. James S. Battle, A. H. Arrington, R. C. Hilliard, and Asael Vick. New Hanover. Gabriel Holmes, Wm. S. Ashe, James T. Miller, James Carr, and Col. Louis H. Marsteller. Northampton. Ballard Moore, and R. C. Pritchard. Onslow. James Glenn, Thomas Ennett, Tim. Hoskins, John A. Averitt, and John B. Pollock. Orange. Col. Wm. Horner, William N. Pratt, Wm. Patterson, Cadwallader Jones, Jr., Col. C. M. Lattimer, and Capt. George B. Morrow, Gen. Joseph Allison, Dr. E. F. Watson, and Col. William T. Shields. Person. John D. D. Jones. Pitt. R. H. Adams, and Macon Moye. Rowan. John L. Henderson. Randolph. Thos. Loring. Robeson. Alexander Watson. Rockingham. Dr. R. P. Williamson, David S. Reid. Sampson. Dr. Thos. Bunting, R. McKay, Thos. I. Faison, D. Murphy, and Isaac W. Lane. Stokes. Dr. Geo. F. Wilson. Wake. Thos. Loring, P. H. Busbee, James B. Sheppard, Benjamin Merritt, Young Utley, Isaac Hudson, Allen Rogers, Sr., Derrill Rogers, Geo. W. Thompson, Kimbrough Jones, Wm. Whitaker, S. H. Whitaker, Seth Jones, John Hayes, Jr., William R. Poole, David W. Stone, and Wesley Jones. Warren. H. Fitz, F. A. Thornton, W. C. Clanton, Wm. K. Kearney, J. B. Hawkins, and Gen. J. H. Hawkins. Wayne. John Exum, John J. Hamilton, and Wm. K. Lane.

On motion of Michael Hoke, Esq., of Lincoln, the Rules of Order for the government of the House of Commons of the Legislature of North Carolina, were adopted as Rules for the government of this Convention.

Maj. Littleton A. Gwyn, of Caswell, introduced the following Resolution: Resolved, That a Committee of Thirteen be appointed by the President of this Convention—one from each Congressional District—to recommend such measures as this Convention shall act upon.

Dr. Cameron, of Cumberland, moved to amend the Resolution of Mr. Gwyn, so that two persons be appointed from each Congressional District.

The amendment was carried; and accordingly a Committee of Twenty-six was appointed by the President—two from each Congressional District.

- The following persons constitute the Committee: 1st District, T. Loring, and R. H. Ballard; 2nd " R. C. Pritchard, and A. Biggs; 3rd " B. Sharp, and Col. M. Moye; 4th " J. Exum, and J. Tomlinson; 5th " G. Holmes, and J. A. Averitt; 6th " A. H. Davis, and J. S. Battle; 7th " T. L. Hybart, and F. Martin; 8th " J. B. Shepard, & C. Jones, Jr.; 9th " Littleton A. Gwyn, and Dr. R. P. Williamson; 10th " John L. Henderson, and David W. Stone; 11th " Gen. D. Seagle, and James H. White; 12th " William W. Avery, and P. H. Busbee; 13th " Michael Hoke, and Leonard E. Thompson.

On motion, the members of the Central Convention; and their names were thereupon recorded as members.

Committee: Wm. H. Haywood, Jr. Gen. Wm. Blount, Perrin H. Busbee, Wesley Jones, William D. Mosely, Welden N. Edwards, Gen. George Hoover, Cadwallader Jones, Jr. W. W. Cooper, James B. Shepard, William S. Ashe, Louis D. Henry, Macon Moye, H. Casler, William P. Williams, James B. Whitfield, Barzillai Graves, Benj. F. Troilinger, Thos. Loring, Dr. William McKay.

On motion of James B. Shepard, of Wake, the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Thursday, January 9, 1840.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, and came to order at the call of the President. The proceedings of yesterday were then read.

George B. Morrow, of Orange, and John B. Pollock, of Onslow, appeared as delegates, and took their seats.

The Committee of Twenty-six asked leave to report—as follows: Resolved, That this Convention will vote in favor of nominating a candidate for Governor of this State.

Resolved, That in voting for a candidate for Governor, this Convention will vote viva voce, and by Counties, according to their representation in the House of Commons.

Resolved, That MARTIN VAN BUREN, in the administration of the high trusts committed to him, had rigidly adhered to the great principles of the Republican Party, and had vindicated the rights of the People.

Resolved, That the connection which has heretofore existed between the Government and Banks, was a departure from correct principles.

Resolved, That we regard the plan of an Independent Constitutional Treasury, as a recurrence to great first principles, equal and just in its operation, and a salutary check upon the ruinous expansions of Banking institutions.

[Here Mr. Avery, of Burke, arose and addressed the Convention, on the views and feelings of the State Rights Party; declaring their approval of the principal measures and general policy of the present Administration. We hope to obtain a copy of this Speech for publication.]

Resolved, That it is inexpedient and unconstitutional to charter a National Bank; and that the proceedings of the late U. States Bank, have shown that it was dangerous to our political and civil institutions.

Resolved, That the preservation of public liberty, and especially the great interests of the South, demands a strict construction of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That we spurn the approach of Abolition, whether it appear in the borrowed garb of religious fanaticism, or the more imposing form of political combination.

Resolved, That we concur in the proposition to hold a National Democratic Republican State Rights Convention, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency.

Resolved, That the Convention appoint two delegates to represent the State in said Convention, and that they recommend the appointment of delegates from the different Congressional Districts in the State.

Resolved, That the President of this Convention appoint a Committee of Thirteen to address the People, at such time as they may think proper.

On motion, each Resolution was submitted separately, and unanimously adopted.

On the reading of the above Resolutions, Mr. Dobbins, of Cumberland, addressed the Convention at considerable length.

An election for nominating a candidate for Governor, was then held, when it appeared that the Hon. Romulus M. Saunders received the unanimous vote of the Convention.

Dr. Cameron, of Cumberland, introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to wait on Judge Saunders (he having been unanimously chosen as the candidate of the Democratic Republican State Rights Party for the Office of Governor of North Carolina,) and inform him of his nomination.

and R. C. Pritchard, were appointed by the President, said Committee.

WILSON N. EDWARDS, AND LOUIS D. HENRY, Esq's, were appointed State Delegates to the proposed National Democratic Republican State Rights Convention, to be held at Baltimore, on the 5th of May next.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee of Thirteen, to address the People, viz:

- William H. Haywood, Wake. Michael Hoke, Lincoln. Wm. W. Avery, Burke. James C. Dobbins, Cumberland. R. C. Pritchard, Northampton. John L. Henderson, Rowan. Cad. Jones, Jr., Orange. Thos. N. Cameron, Cumberland. David S. Reid, Rockingham. Thos. Bunting, Sampson. Wesley W. Young, Granville. R. E. McNair, Edgecombe. George F. Wilson, Stokes.

On motion of J. C. Dobbins, the President and Vice Presidents, were added to the above Committee.

On motion, the President appointed L. H. Marsteller and J. Morrison a Committee, to ascertain the amount necessary to defray the expenses of the Convention.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Hon. Romulus M. Saunders, reported, that he would be pleased to make a written communication to the Convention, and appear before them in person.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

On motion, the Hon. Romulus M. Saunders being present, he was invited to take a seat in the Convention.

A communication from the Hon. R. M. Saunders was announced by Dr. T. N. Cameron, and on motion, it was read and ordered to be spread on the Journals of the Convention.

To Dr. Thomas N. Cameron, F. A. Thornton, and R. C. Pritchard, Committee. Raleigh, Jan. 9th, 1840.

GENTLEMEN:—

In compliance with your request, I hasten to reply to the resolution of the Democratic Republican State Rights Convention, handed to me this morning. I certainly feel highly honored in being selected as the Democratic Candidate for Governor, under circumstances so flattering to my feelings, by a body so respectable and intelligent as that of the Convention, under whose authority you have acted.

It is now upwards of twenty-five years since I first mingled in the active politics of the day—then a young man, the resident of a County, whose inhabitants have adhered with such steady unanimity to the principles of the republican party; I espoused with zeal and ardor, the cause in which I found the Country then engaged in the maintenance of the rights and honor of the nation.

Allow me in conclusion, to tender to you individually, the homage of my respect, for the polite manner in which you have discharged the duty assigned you, and to return to the Convention my profound acknowledgments for the kind partiality which influenced their selection.

[By the request of the Convention, that body was addressed by its Nominee, in a forcible and impressive manner, which called forth repeated bursts of applause.

The Committee to whom was referred the Expeditures of the Convention, reported the following resolution as a part of their Report: Resolved, That 15,000 copies of the proceedings of this Convention, together with 15,000 copies of the Address of the Committee of thirteen, be printed and circulated throughout the different Counties of the State, by the Editor of the Standard.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Smith, for the kindness and liberality he has exhibited, in tendering the use of his Room to the Members of the Democratic Republican State Rights Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the President, Vice Presidents and Secretaries, for the dignified and able manner in which they have fulfilled their several stations.

On the adoption of this Resolution, the President adjourned the Convention sine die, in a very feeling and impressive Speech:

LOUIS D. WILSON, President. GABRIEL HOLMES, } V. Ps. HENRY FITZ, } L. E. THOMPSON, } Secretaries. J. C. DOBBIN, } "Silence that dreadful belle!" as the husband said when his wife was giving him the length of her tongue.