

DEMOCRATIC MEETING



IN RICHMOND.

In pursuance of public notice, a meeting of the Democratic republican party of the county of Richmond, was held in the Court House on Tuesday the 19th of April, 1842.

On motion, the Chairman appointed Col. C. Robinson, Wm. B. Cole and W. F. Leak, a committee to invite L. D. Henry, to visit Richmond county.

On motion, the Chairman appointed Wm. B. Cole, Jno. C. Covington, and W. F. Leak, a committee to draft and report resolutions; who after retiring a short time, returned and reported the following, which were sustained and enforced by W. F. Leak and W. B. Cole, in animated speeches, and unanimously adopted:

1st. Resolved, That our National Government is one of clearly defined, and strictly limited power, that they are derived solely from the Federal Constitution, that as a corollary from this proposition, that Congress cannot exercise any power not deducible from this instrument, either by express words, or by inevitable implication.

2d. Resolved, That among the powers conferred by the Federal grant, there is none that will authorize Congress to commence and carry on, a general system of Internal Improvements, still less is there any which will authorize that body, in imposing a Tariff of protection, which while it fosters one branch of domestic industry, impoverishes another.

3d. Resolved, therefore, That in holding these sentiments, we cannot be guilty of the gross inconsistency of supporting Henry Clay for President of the United States; who, we affirm, has on all occasions asserted the right to be in Congress to exercise them. We further assert, and we challenge contradiction from any opponent who has character enough to gain belief for the truth, that such has been Mr. Clay's zeal, both in the advocacy of a protective Tariff, and work of Internal Improvement, by the General Government, that he has been styled "The Father" of that system—a system which he has insidiously called "the American system."

We say that he has advocated on the floor of Congress, the laying a duty on hemp, with the avowed and so expressed object, of raising the price of cotton bagging and rope, and that he gave no other reason for such a monstrous proposition, than that Kentucky could not make them, and come into successful competition, with Dundee bagging, in the South, without such protection.

4th. Resolved, That we cannot discover, (and we ask to be informed) what greater claims has Mr. Clay, upon the Cotton growers of Richmond county, than he had in 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 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