Republican Patriot and Statesman. People of France, of free and regenerated France, of Republican France, erred first in voting Napoleon to be Consul for life, and afterwards to voting that he should be Emperor. It is not true, then that the People cannot err; but it is true that those who in every age have been most forward and zealous in flattering the People with theiden that they cannot err, have been the first to take advantage of their errors, and to betray their liberties. But though the People may, and often do err-though they may, and are often led astray by false friends and false pretences, yet our happiness and our security consists in further truth, that the great body of the People, especially of an agri-cultural People are honest; and as long as the forms of a free Government are permit-ted to remain, and the power of the ballotbox is not superseded by the power of the sword, they may be recalled from their errors—the artifices of the imposters who have misled them may be inveiled. This is the true basis of the value of a free representative government . It never was founded upon the idea that the People cannot err. The People sometimes do err, but the moment they are made sensible of their error, they do not besitate to retrace their steps. This will be our hope in much worse times than these. I am not certain that things will have to grow worse in this country, than they are even now, before they can be better. But let us hear no mere of the argument that, because the People have elected any man President, and sent a majority of the members of this House to support hun, all is right. Thank God, this is no certain test, either of right

of truth, or of patriotism There is another argument, or rather another gross error prevalent upon this subject It is not uncommon to hear it said that the country is unnsually prosperous and florishing, in all the departments of industry, agriculture, commerce, and manufactures; that the revenues exceed the wants of Government; and what is more than all national cuaracter abroad was hever so respectable or more respected; and it masked how can there circumstances, so gratifying to the pride ot every American heart, exist under an Administation, the principles and practices of which are alledged to be so much at war with the publie welfare and liberties? Every member present has no doubt heard the prosperous condition of this country repeatedly appealed to, in order to give a color of prejudice and potruth to the charge of victous practices in the Administration. It is as surprising as it must be mortifying to the pride of those who regard the People of the United States as the most enlightened in the world, to observe with how large a propor tion of them the fact of the general prosperity is a sufficient answer to all that can be said and all that can be proved against the principles and conduct of the dominant party. Yet who is there that is really enlightened, and well informed in the nature and history of government, who does not know that great and general prosperity, in arts, in trade, and in arms, so far from being inconsistent with a corrupt and unprincipled Administration, that it is at such periods that dangerous principles and practices take their deepest and most fatal hold, that the seeds of future misrale, of corruption, and a victous action of the Government, are most widely sown, for then it is that that jealousy and watchfulness of the People over the conduct of those in power, so peressary to preserve the purity of the public administration, are almost sure to slumber. In such a period, the malpractices of administration inder the contempt, or escape the notice of the People. Principles are avowed and practised ppon, of the most dangerous tendency, without attracting observation. The People, industriously employed in profiting by the general harvest, or steeped in the enjoyment of stores already accumulated, are deaf to the warnings of patriotism. But there is another truth connected with this subject, which ought to be noticed There is no well suformed man in the country, who does not know tien a temporary condition of prosperity and general happiness among the Peole may exist under a government of any form. Proofs innumerable of this position might be drawn from history. At no period was there more general happiness among the People of Athens and of Attica, in ancient Greece, and a state of more general prosperity, both in agricul tural & commercial pursuits, than under the sway of one man; nor was there ever a public administration of the affairs of a State more satisfactory to the People generally, than the administration of that man; yet contemporary and al! subsequent historians have denounced Pisistratus a tyrant that is a man whose will was supreme. The reign of the family of the Medici in Florence may be cited as an instance of the same kind, & both perfectly applicable; for in both instances all the forms of a free Government were strictly observed. One of the most learned & accomplished historians of any age (Gibbon) has said, that it he were required to point to the period in the history of the world at which the greatest degree of human happiness was enjoyed by the greatest number of the human race, he would designate the reign of the three successive Emperors of Rome who happened to be equally distinguished for their talents and their virtues. When was England more prosperous a nation-when, her name and ner might more respectable or actually core respected and feared all over Europe, that under the administration of Cromwell? Yet eyen a British House of Commons disdained to he his supple tools in the execution of all his plails and wishes and for that reason he finally kieved them all out of their seats, and ruled with absolute sway. All this was done in the name of Labarty and of the Commonwealth. Again, sir, in what period in the history of France were the French more generally prosperous, and when was France more terrible to her enemies, or more potent in the protection of her own interests than under the administration of Napoleon? But it is useless to multiply examples. I have said enough to demonstrate that it is no argument to say that because there is a season of general prosperity, there is nothing rotten or dangereus in the principle or practices of the party which now governs this country.

DURSUANT to an amendment of the State Conscitution, notice is hereby given to al whom it may concern, that application will be made to the next Legislature, for the passage of a private act for the benefit of James Scott of Burke County, to confirm or renew two grants of land made to Joseph Dobson then of Buncombe County, dated the 2nd day of December,

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## RAIL-ROAD CONVENTION.

MONDAY, October 10. PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT CON-VENTION, HELD AT SALISBURY, N. C., OCTOBER, 1836. AT a meeting of the Delegates to the Internal Improvement Con-

vention held at the town of Salisbury, the 10th October 1836. Upon motion of Burton Craige Esq., of Rowan, the Convention was organized by the appointment of Bartlett Ship, Esq., of Lincoln county, President of the Convention and Jas. R. Dodge, Esq.,

of Wilkes, and Warren Winslow, Esq., of Cumberland, Secretaries. Delegates from the following counties appeared, presented their credentials and took their seats. Anson.-Alexander W. Brandon, John Grady, Charles G.

Nelms, Alexander Little. ASHE-Col. Morgan Bryant, Col. James Maxwell, Roderick

Murchison. BRUNSWICK-Dr. Frederick J. Hill.

BURKE.-Ed. Jones Erwin, William Murphey. CUMBERLAND.—Charles P. Mallett, Warren Winslow, John W. Huske, Samuel W. Tillinghast, Rev. Simeon Colton, Robert C. Belden, E. L. Winslow. CHATHAM .- Hon. Abraham Rencher, Robert J. Smith, H.

McClennehan. CABARRUS.-David Long, William F. Phifer, Geo. Klutts, J. F.

Phifer. DAVIDSON-Henry R. Dusenberry, Col. Samuel Hargrave, Dr. Payne, Dr. Bell, James Smith, James Fitzgerald, Dr. Wm. R. Holt, Col. Humphreys, John March, Wm. Bodenhammer, J. P. Mabry, William Adderton, George Riley, James Ellis, John A. Hogan,

Casper Smith. IREDELL-Maj. Rufus Reed, James Campbell, Joseph W. Bogle, William F. Cowan, Samuel King, Samuel R. Bell, William Harbin, Joseph P. Caldwell, T. S. Allison, Jas. Byers, David Waddell, Andrew Caldwell, Jos. Chambers.

LINCOLN.-Ropert H. Burton, Bartlett Shipp, David Reinhardt, Perigrine G Roberts, Alfred M. Burton.

MECKLENBURG. - Thomas J. Grier, Andrew Grier, William A. Harris, John B. Harris, James M. Osborn, Wm. W. Long, Zenas A. Grier, Alex. Grier.

MONTGOMERY .- P. W. Simmons, Francis Locke, E. Jordan, Edward Burrage, James Lilley, P. R. Lilley, Parham Kirk, George

NEW HANOVER .- William C. Lord. ORANGE -Frederick Nash, T. D. Bennehan, P. C. Cameron. Rowan .- Abel Graham, Dr. Ashbel Smith, A. Henderson, H. C. Jones, Archibald G. Carter, Lueco Mitchell, Robert Machamara. James E. Kerr, Joseph W. Hampton, John Murphy, Nathan Chaffin, Burton Craige, William Chambers, Robert N. Flemming, Noah Partee, Elkanah D. Austin, Jas. C. McConnaughey, Abel Cowan, Michael Brown, David F. Caldwell, Thomas Craige, William Stokes, Christain Brinkle, Richmond Pearson, Caswell Harbin, Spenser Taylor, William B. Wilson, Thomas G. Polk.

RUTHERFORD .- John McDowell, John G. Bynum, William E.

Mills, Alex. Smith. SURRY .- Josiah Cowles, Nathaniel Boyden, George W. Brown, William J. Parkes, Jacob Douthet, Levi Chappell, James Calloway, Frederick Long, Alfred W. Martin, John Holcomb.

WAKE-William Boylan, Alfred Jones, George W. Mordecai. WILKES-William P. Waugh, Wm. C. Emmet, Joseph W. Hacket, Thomas S. Bouchelle, James R. Dodge, William Peden, John Bryan, James K. Norton.

Upon motion of Gen. Polk of Rowan, it was unanimously resolved, that Maj. W. J. McNeil, and Maj. John N. Macomb, be invited to take seats in this Convention, and to participate in its deliberations, and that a committee of two be appointed by the president to inform

Gen. Thos. G. Polk, and David F. Caldwell, Esq., were appoint-

Upon motion of H. C. Jones, Esq., of Rowan, a committee of five Delegates was appointed to draw up rules and regulations for this convention and report to morrow morning, Messrs. H. C. Jones, Samuel King, Abraham Rencher Jno. A. Hogan, and John W. Huske, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Craige, of Rowan, submitted the following resolution. Resolved that a standing committee consisting of one member from each county represented in this convention, be appointed by the President, to whom all specific propositions relative to the location of a Rail-Road or Rail-Roads shall be referred.

Said motion lies upon the Table. Upon motion of David F. Caldwell, Esq. the Convention adjourned until to morrow 10 o'clock.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1836. The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, when the President taking the Chair, James Campbell, of Iredell, presented the following resolution, which was ubanimously adopted.

Resolved, That at the meeting of the Convention each morning, the President invite some minister of the gospel to open the meeting

Prayer by the Rev. Simeon Colton, a member of this body. The Convention being called to order, Hamilton C. Jones, from the committee on rules and regulations, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the rules adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of North Carolina at its last session, for the government of that body, be adopted for the government of this convention, so far as the same are applicable to the nature of our deliberations and are not in conflict with the following particular rules.

1. All questions concerning Internal Improvements, that may come before this Convention, shall be determined by a majority of the votes of counties, each county casting one vote, when demanded

2. All other questions shall be decided by a majority of individu-

3. The Delegation of each county represented in this Convention, shall appoint a Teller, and whenever the question is taken by counties, one of the Secretaries shall call the name of the county and the Teller of that county shall rise in his place and declare the vote of

4. The space within the range of pillars running across the building shall be appropriated to the exclusive use of this Convention, and of such persons as may be admitted on motion.

5. The President shall appoint some person to act as Sergeant at arms, who shall attend on this body during its session and shall do either in person, or by deputy, all such services as are usually done by door keepers and messengers.

The Resolution of Mr. Craige, of Rowan for a standing commit tee was taken up and adopted, and the following Delegates named on said committee.

Rowan-Burton Craige, Anson-Alexander Little, Ash-R. Murchison, Brunswick-F. J. Hill, Burke-Edward J. Erwin. Chatham - Abraham Rencher, Cabarrus-W. F. Phifer. Cumberland-E. L. Winslow, Davidson-Wm. R. Holt, Lincoln-Rob. H. Burton.

Mecklenburg-J. M. Osborn, Montgomery-Peter R. Lilly, New Hanover-Win. C. Lord, Orange-Frederick Nash. Rutherford-John G. Bynum. Surry-Josiah Cowles. Wake-Alfred Jones, Wilkes - Wm. P. Waugh Iredell-J. P. Caldwell,

H. C. Jones, of Rowan, laid upon the table a report by a committee of a public meeting of the citizens of Rowan county, upon Internal Improvement, and upon motion of E. L. Winslow of Cumberland, it was taken up, read, and referred to the Standing committee on Rail-Roads.

The following resolutions were offered, read, and referred to the same committee.

By James Campbell, of Iredell. That a committee of persons be appointed by the Chairman of this meeting to draft a memorial to the General Assembly, praying, that able Engineers be procured at the expense of the State to examine and report on the practical utility and probable cost of.

1. A Rail-Road from Fayetteville to Salisbury.

2. A Rail-Road from Raleigh to Salisbury. 3. A Rail-Road from Milton via Salisbury, to Morganton, or Ru-

4. A Rail-Road from Wilkesborough via. Statesville and Charlotte to the South Carolina line.

5. A Rail-Road from Raleigh via. Greensborough and Salem to

Wilkesborough. By Dr. Thomas S. Buchelle, of Wilkes. That the committee be further instructed to enquire into, and report on the practicability of the route for a Rail-Road from the head of the Narrows to Wilkesborough, and also the propriety of an immediate survey of that route, and also that they take into consideration and report upon the probable amount of production and the kind that may be expected from the mountains in that quarter.

Also that they take into consideration the practicability of opening the River Yadkin, from the Narrows to Wilkesborough, and the relative cost and advantage of a Rail-Road or water communication

from said points. By E. L. Winslow, of Cumberland. That the committee enquire into the best mode of securing the co-operation of the State in works

of Internal Improvement, and particularly, whether it would be the better course to urge the assembly to pledge the State for the subacription of 2-5ths of the stock in works of Internal Improvement within this State, after individuals shall have paid or secured to be paid the other 3-5ths.

By Alfred Burton, of Lincoln. That the committee enquire into the propriety of connecting the Charleston and Cincinnatti Rail-Road with Fayetteville by Rail-Road, so as to intersect the Yadkin-

By H. C. Jones, of Rowan. That they enquire into the propriety of connecting the town of Favetteville by means of a Rail-Road with some point above the Narrows of the Yadkin, also the propriety of connecting the last mentioned point with some point on the Ca-

By F. J. Hill, of Brunswick. That they enquire into the expepediency of connecting the Western part of the State, with the Wilmington and Ruleigh Road at the most eligible point which may present itself, on the same.

By Mr. Mordecai, of Wake. That in the opinion of this convention, the Legislature ought to adopt a liberal and judicious system of Internal Improvement, having regard to the interest of the whole State, without consulting that of any particular section at the expense of others.

That for this purpose it be recommended to the Legislature to appropriate the whole, or the greater part of the Surplus Revenue, which may be allotted to this State, in works of Internal Improvement, to be disbursed under the superintendence and direction of the the board of public works, or in such other manner as the Legislature may deem advisable.

That the Legislature be recommended to pass some General law, declaring, that whenever 3-5ths of the capital stock of any company, incorporated by the Legislature, for the construction of a Rail-Road shall be subscribed, and the payment thereof secured by individuals, the board of public works or the person or persons, entrusted with the disbursement of said Fund, shall subscribe for the remaining two fifths for, and in behalf, of the State.

That as this Convention is not in possession of sufficient information to enable them to act advisedly, it is inexpedient for them, at this time, to recommend to the Legislature the patronage or adoption of any definite and particular scheme, in preference to others.

These resolutions, were referred to the committee. By Dr. Smith of Rowan. That a committee of ten be appointed by the President of this Convention, whose duty it shall be to memorialize the Legislature upon the necessity of adopting some general principle, for the appropriation of our portion of the Surplus Revenue; to be received from the General Government-and that it is the opinion of this Convention, that the 2-5 principle be adopted;that is that whenever any Rail-Road or Navigation Company shall have subscribed three fifths of its stock, the state will subscribe the remaining 2-5ths to be paid in the same ratio, as is paid by individual sub scribers.

Referred to the same committee.

By Mr. Bynum, of Rutherford. That the standing committee enquire and report upon the expediency of conecting by a Rail-Road, the Charleston and Cincinnati Rail Road, with some commercial mart within the limits of North Carolina.

By Mr. Rencher of Chatham. That the Standing Committee enquire into the expediency of constructing a Rail Road from some one point above the Narrows, on the Yadkin River, to the nearest point on Deep River, so as to connect by means of a Rail Road the navigation of the Yadkio River above the Narrows, with the navigable waters of the Cape Fear and Deep Rivers.

By Mr. Osborn of Mecklenburg. That said Committee enquire and report in what manner and degree the State of North Carolina is interested in the Charleston, Louisville and Cincinnati Rail Road, and on which of the several routes proposed for the location of said road within the limits of North Carolina her interest requires that she should insist

By Mr. E. L. Winslow, of Cumberland. That the Committee enquire into the expediency of connecting the Western part of North Carolina with the Cape Fear River at the Town of Fayetteville, and recommend the most judicious plan, in their judgment, of immediately commencing this important work by means of a Rail Road

By Mr. McClennahan of Chatham. That the Committee consider Hay wood the point of the Cape Fear River, from which the central Rail-Road should commence

By Mr. Murchison of Ashe. That the Committee enquire into the practicability and utility of constructing a Rail Road from Favetteville to Wilkesborough, and that the charter incorporating the Cape Fear, Yadkin and Pee Dee Rul Road Company, passed by the Legislature of North Carolina in 1833, be referred to said Committee.

The proceedings of different Meetings and Conventions, were offered by Samuel King, of Iredell, and Warren Winslow, of Cumberland, and referred to the Standing Committee.

A survey heretofore made by Mr Rawle, was presented by E L. Winslow of Cumberland, and referred to the same Committee. On motion of Mr Huske of Cumberland, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock,

Wednesday, 12th October, 1836. The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev'd Mr. Colton of Cumberland. Mr. Craige, from the Standing Committee, made the following

The committee to whom was referred the various Resolutions yesterday submitted to the Convention, have had the same under

consideration, and report,

That they have given the various propositions submitted to them as patient an investigation as the time allotted to them would allow: before, however, they took into consideration the various specific plans for the location of a Rail Road, which were referred to them, they thought it right and proper to report to this convention some general rule, by which they thought the Legislature should be governed in making appropriations for works of Internal Emprovement. They were well aware of the want of means on the part the State, as well as a want of disposition on the part of the members of the Legislature, to furnish the various conflicting interests in the State, with a channel, through which, our citizens might send their surplus productions to market. But while they were deeply impressed with this opinion, they were fully convinced that individual enterprise, if properly encouraged and assisted by the State, could do much to effect the great object which all our people have in view. In order, however, to guard against an impolitic expenditure of the public funds, and to prevent a scramble which would otherwise necessarily take place, without the adoption of some general principle, they have reported a resolution recommending to the Leguiature, that whenever the stockholders of any Internal Improvement company shall have paid three-fiftis of its stock, that the State should take the remaining two filths. Your committee believed this to be the most safe, equitable and just scheme that the Legislature could adopt : for they could not for a moment entertertain the opinion that any scheme could fail or could be visionary, for which individual subscriptions to the amount of three-fifths could be obtained; nor could they for a moment believe, that any company, which could not command a subscription for three-fifths of its stock, could complain if the Legislature refused it their aid.

The next enquiry to which the attention of your committee was directed was, whether they should recommend the adoption of a specific route for a rail road or not. Upon this question, your committee are happy in being able to state there was great unanimity.

They all felt that a time for action had arrived; they all fall They all felt that a longer satisfy the people they represent hey believed that a spirit was alive in this State upon this que which, if properly directed, would lead to the most important rical results, but which if permitted to slumber, we might not be ble to arouse again for years.

But while we all felt the great necessity of recommending specific project upon which we might all unite, and which afford an outlet for the vast surplus productions of the watered by the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers and their tributing we could not so easily decide upon the best and most practical route. There were various propositions before us, and each act a friends: Some were for a Road from Raleigh to the ununun some were for making Haywood the starting point, while other we of opinion, that Favetteville was the best point at which to me mence; and there were as many opinions as to its terminate as there were to its commencement. It seemed therefore, it is time as if we would adjourn without recommending any specia plan; but at length, in a spirit of patriotism and compromise, plan we here propose in the third resolution, accompanying it report was adopted. This plan, your committee confidently has will accommodate nearly every interest represented in this comtion, and they most earnestly hope it will meet with the appel tion of your body. By a reference to the resolution alluded in will be seen that your committee were of opinion, that the should commence at Fayetteville, and run west to the Yacking at some point above the Narrows, and that this point of intersect should be connected with Wilkesborough by one branch and sa the Charleston and Cincinnati Rail Road on another. By this too your committee are of opinion, that as large, as wealthy and bar lous a section of the State will be afforded the means of trans. ting their produce to a market as by any other practicable attach that could be brought to your attention.

Our attention was next directed to the propriety of giving to expression of opinion as to the route which we thought the Charaton and Cincinnati Rail Road should take through this State. 0 opinion was soon made up upon this subject, after a statement from a member of our body that some of the stockholders of company were auxious to locate the road west of the Blue Ridge location, which if made, would deprive us of any participation the advantage of said road Your committee therefore, believe that we had the right to participate in the advantage of said work have directed me to report a resolution recommending to your her the appointment of a committee to memorialize the Legislature as on this subject, and to use such means as will be most likely to make us participants in that stupendous work.

In conclusion, your committee will indulge the hope, along founded upon their knowledge of the character of the menter composing your body, that sectional feelings will be sacrificed in on the altar of the public good : that upon the propositions must ed by them, as well as upon all others that may be submitted by vour consideration, you will have an eye alone to the interest of the good Old North State : All of which is respectfully to mitted. B. CRAIGE Che

1st. Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, when duty it shall be to draw up a memorial to the rext Legislan recommending the expediency and necessity of adopting general rule for the equitable distribution of our portion of surplus revenue to be received from the General Government works of internal improvement.

2d. Be it further resolved. That this Convention doth remains mend the adoption of this principle, namely ; that whenever any company incorporated for the purpose of internal improvement shall have subscribed & paid, or secured to be paid 3-5m din stock, that the State shall stand pledged to a subscription for the remaining 2-5ths.

3d. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the interests of a large, wealthy and populous portion of the State of North Carolina, require the speedy construction of a Rail Road from the town of Fayetteville to some point on the Yadkin River. above the Narrows, and thence by two branches, the one rouning directly to the town of Wilkesborough, the other running across the valley of the Catawba River, so as to intersect the Charleston and Cincinnati Rail Road at the most eligible point.

4th. Be it further Resolved, That said committee shall respect fully request the next Legislature, to grant such amendment with charter of the Cape Fear, Yadkin, and Pe Dee Rail Road Comple ny, as to them shall seem most advisable.

5th. Resolved, That a committee of five, be appointed to the morialise the Legislature of this State, on the propriety of such means, as may be within its power to procure the locationed the Charleston and Cincinnati Rail Road, on the most Eastern practicable route through the State of N. Carolina, and to take and further steps as to them may seem expedient to effect the purpose.

These resolutions were separately taken up, considered, and nanimously adopted.

Messrs. Abraham Rencher, Burton Craige, E. L. Winsley John McDowell and David Rhinehart were appointed the Comme tee under the 1st and 4th resolutions.

Peregrine G. Roberts, David F. Caldwell, John G. Brinns James M Osborn, and Alexander Little, were appointed the too mittee under the 5th Resolution.

On montion of D. F. Caldwell, it was

Resolved. That the persons designated in the act, incorporate the Cape Fear, Yadkin, and Pe Dee company, be requested by open the books for the subscription of stock asauthorized by its said act, as soon as practicable.

Resolved further, That a committee of three be appointed from each county represented in this Convention, tosolicit subscription to the stock of said company.

On motion of D. F. Caldwell Esq.,

Resolved, That the thanks of this conventionbe, and are benefit tendered to Maj. W. G McNeil, and Maj. John N Macomb. their attendance on this Convention, and the valuable information by them communicated.

E. L. Winslow, presented a letter containing valuable status cal information which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal of the Convention.

Upon motion of Hamilton C. Jones.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due hereby tendered to the Elders of the Presbyterian Church Town for the use of their building, during the Session de Convention.

Upon motion of Warren Winslow, of Fayetteville, it was the imously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due, and and hereby tendered to Bartlett Shipp, Esq., President of this vention for the able dignified and impartial manner in which is has presided over its deliberations.

On Motion of D. F. Caldwell, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due, and hereby tendered to the Secretaries of this convention for her able and efficient discharge of the duties of their appointment

On motion of Dr. Smith, Resolved, That the proceedings of this convention be published in the papers printed in this Town and in the other Journals of North Caro line friendly to the Internal Improvement of our

State. Upon motion of Abraham Rencher, the Convention adjourned

B. SHIPP, President

JAS. R. DODGE,

Secretaries. WARREN WINSLOW,