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CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

At a Convention of the North Carolina troops in the army of Northern Virginia, assembled at Orange Court House, Va., at 11 o'clock a. m., on the 12th August, 1863, Col. Bryan Grimes, 4th N. C. T., upon motion of Capt. J. C. Turner, 6th N. C. T., was called to the chair, who explained the object of the meeting in a few remarks.

Upon motion of Col. J. D. Barry, 18th N. C. T., a Committee of one from each brigade was appointed upon the permanent organization of the Convention, which after a short intermission reported as follows:

- Col. Bryan Grimes, 4th N. C. T., President.
Col. R. T. Bennett, 14th N. C. T., Vice Pres't.
Maj. Wm. Parley, 3d N. C. T., Sec'g.
Lt. Col. John Ashford, 38th N. C. T.
Capt. K. Plummer, 12th N. C. T.
Capt. J. J. Jones, 14th N. C. T.
Capt. T. Mett Smith, 45th N. C. T.
Lieut. Irwin Jones, 3d N. C. T.
Lieut. Chas. R. Jones, 55th N. C. T.
Lt. J. Justice, A. D. C., Gen. Hoke.
Lieut. P. C. Carlton, 7th N. C. T.
Maj. J. A. Englehart, A. A. G., Gen. Pender's Staff.

The delegates present then presented their credentials, and their names were enrolled as follows:

- LANE'S BRIGADE.
Lieut. P. C. Carlton, co A, 7th Regiment, Iredell county.
Sergt. W. B. Smith, co I, 7th Reg't Iredell county.
Col. John D. Barry, 19th Regiment, New Hanover county.
Capt. F. M. Wooten, co H, 18th Regiment Bladen county.
Capt. J. M. Crowell, co K, 28th N. C. T., Stanley county.
Lieut. R. D. Rhyne, co B, 28th N. C. T., Saratoga county.
Sergt. D. F. Morrow, 28th N. C. T.
Lieut. H. P. Lyon, co B, 33d N. C. T., Edgecombe county.
Sergt. F. Bainer, co I 33d N. C. T., Forsythe county.
Lieut. T. J. Armstrong, co K, 37th N. C. T., Iredell county.
Private W. S. McGee, co H, 37th N. C. T., Wilkes county.

PETTIGREW'S BRIGADE.
Capt. F. W. Bird, 11th Regiment, Bertie county.
Lieut. L. J. Hoyle, 11th Regiment, Lincoln county.
Capt. Jas. Melver, 26th Regiment.
Dr. W. W. Gaither 26th Regiment, Caldwell county.
Capt. R. H. Singletary 44th Regiment, Pitt county.
Capt. Calves, 44th Regiment, Montgomery county.
Capt. W. J. Lanford, 47th Reg't Franklin county.
Capt. R. H. Faucett, 47th Reg't Alamance county.
Capt. J. M. Alexander, 52nd Reg't, Cabarrus county.
Capt. J. W. Goslin, 52nd Regiment, Forsythe county.

IVERTON'S BRIGADE.
Col. Thomas M. Garrett, 5th Reg't, Bertie county.
Col. B. Robinson, co A, 5th Regiment Cumberland county.
Col. K. Plummer, co C, 12th Regiment, Warren county.
Lieut. P. Durham, co E, 12th Regiment, Cleveland county.
Lieut. H. A. Bizzell, co D, 20th Regiment, Sampson county.
Capt. W. J. Stanley, co A, 20th Regiment, Columbus county.
Lieut. John R. Leach, co C, 23d Regiment, Montgomery county.
Lieut. W. C. Wall, co F, 23d Regiment, Richmond county.

RAMSEUR'S BRIGADE.
Capt. J. C. Garrison, co B, 3d Reg't, Wilson county.
Sergeant H. L. Davenport co H, 3d Reg't, Wayne county.
Col. B. Grimes, 4th Reg't, Pitt county.
Capt. S. A. Kelly, co G, 4th Reg't, Davie county.
Col. R. T. Bennett, 14th Reg't, Anson county.
Capt. J. J. Jones, co K, 14th Reg't, Wake county.
Sergeant Miles B. Draughton, 30th Reg't, Sampson county.
Private J. B. Cobb, 30th Reg't, Edgecombe county.

HOKK'S BRIGADE.
Lt. Col. R. F. Webb, 6th Reg't, Orange county.
Capt. R. W. York, co I, 6th Reg't, Wake county.
Capt. J. C. Turner, co A, 6th Reg't, Rowan county.
Lt. S. P. Hill, co H, 6th Reg't, Caswell county.

Dr. F. Harvey, 6th Reg't, Buncombe county.
Lt. Col. H. C. Jones, 57th Reg't, Rowan county.
Lt. Col. A. Ellis, 54th Reg't, Rowan county.
W. J. Justice, A. D. C., Gen. Hoke, Lincoln county.
(The delegates from the 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 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SCALES' BRIGADE.
Captain T. T. Lawson, 13th Reg't, Rockingham county.
Private A. R. Ewin, 13th Regiment, Mecklenburg county.
Dr. R. R. Murphy, 16th Reg't, Polk county.
Private J. F. Martin, 16th Reg't, Henderson county.
Dr. B. A. Cheek, 22d Reg't, Warren county.
Lt. C. F. Siler, 23d Reg't, Randolph county.
Dr. Jno. F. Miller, 34th Reg't, Cleveland county.
Captain John A. Kibbitt, 36th Reg't, Cleveland county.
Lt. Col. Jno. Ashford, 38th Reg't, Sampson county.
Capt. G. W. Flowers, 38th Reg't, Alexander county.
Corporal Jas. D. Geddie, 28th Reg't, Cumberland county.

DAVIS' BRIGADE.
Lieut. Chas. R. Jones co G, 55th Regiment, Iredell county.
Lieut. T. J. Hadley, co A, 55th Reg't, Wilson county.
STUART'S BRIGADE.
Lieut. Col. T. Brown, 1st Regiment, Wilkes county.
Capt. W. H. Thomson, 1st Regiment, New Hanover county.
Capt. L. C. Latham, 1st Regiment, Craven county.
Maj. Wm. Parley, 3rd Regiment, New Hanover county.
Lieut. Irwin Jones, 3rd Regiment.

DANIEL'S BRIGADE.
Lieut. Col. D. G. Cowan, 32nd Regiment, Washington county.
Capt. P. F. Smith, co F 32nd Reg't Catawba county.
Capt. H. Beverly, co H, 43rd Reg't, Anson county.
Lieut. A. W. Bridges, co C, 43rd Regiment, Franklin county.
Sergt. G. W. Wills, co F, 43rd Reg't, Halifax county.
Sergt. Rob't. Harbour, co K, 43rd Regiment, Anson county.
Capt. F. M. G. Smith, co I, 45th Regiment, Caswell county.
Lieut. N. C. Donald, co C, 45th Regiment, Guilford county.
Lieut. S. A. Sutton, co F, 45th Reg't, Bertie county.
Sergt. J. W. Rankin, co B, 54th Regiment, Guilford county.
Sergt. H. Watson, co E 45th Regiment, Rockingham county.
Lieut. Sutton, co A 53rd Regiment Bertie county.
Lieut. Lee, co I, 53rd Regiment.
Sergt. Fall, co I, 53rd Regiment.
Sergt. Strain, co C, 53rd Regiment.

Upon motion of Col. Bennett, 14th Regiment, all officers and men from North Carolina, present, were invited to take seats in the Convention, and act as delegates from their respective commands.

Upon motion of Col. Garrett, 5th Regiment, a committee of one from each Brigade was appointed to draft resolutions for the action of the Convention, to be selected by the delegates from the respective Brigades.

The following names were reported as composing the committee:
Stuart's Brigade, Capt. L. C. Latham, 1st Reg't.
Davis' Brigade, W. T. J. Hadley, 55th Reg't.
Hoke's Brigade, Lt. S. P. Hill, 5th Reg't.
Lane's Brigade, Col. J. D. Barry, 18th Reg't.
Pettigrew's Brigade, Capt. R. H. Singletary, 44th Reg't.
Iverson's Brigade, Col. T. M. Garrett, 5th Reg't.
Ramseur's Brigade, Capt. J. C. Gurman, 2nd Reg't.
Daniel's Brigade, Lt. Col. D. G. Cowan, 32d Reg't.
Scales' Brigade, Dr. J. F. Miller, 34th Reg't.

Upon motion the Convention adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

At 3 o'clock the Convention re-assembled and was called to order by the President. The committee not being ready to report, Lt. Col. H. C. Jones, Col. Bennett, Col. Cox and Capt. Gales responded to calls made upon them, in brief and eloquent speeches.

The committee on resolutions then made their report, through their Chairman, Col. Garrett, who read the following resolutions, which were, on motion of Capt. Bird, 11th Regiment, read and adopted seriatim:

Resolved, That our separation from the Northern Government was, from the beginning, intended to be final and eternal. For this we have suffered and endured much; for this we have many of our comrades fallen, and for this we do we intend that the action of any portion of our people at home shall so bind our hands as to make further resistance on our part impossible. That we are daily confirmed in our determination by the unnatural teachings of the Northern press, by the insane and fanatical acts of the Northern people, by the inhuman and unprincipled acts of the Northern Government, the crowning one of which is shown in the late proclamation of Lincoln, threatening retaliation on our soldiers for our treatment of slaves found in insurrection, and by the innumerable acts of savage barbarity of the Northern soldiery in every part of our land.

Resolved, That earnestly as we desire peace and long for a return of its blessings, we do utterly repudiate all acts of persons or authorities tending to a peace upon the basis of reconstruction or submission; and that, while we are and have always been, anxious for an honorable settlement of our difficulties, the agitation of the subject on any other terms than our perfect independence of Northern rule is in the interests of the good people of North Carolina. Nor can we comprehend the base feeling that would prompt a return to the embraces of an enemy, who has carried on a war of invasion against us for more than two years, coupled with every savage infliction which he has had the power to impose, culminating in the employment of our slaves and the free negroes of the North to murder our citizens and oppose us in honorable combat as soldiers.

Resolved, That while the soldiers are fighting, suffering and dying for our independence, it is wrong that some at home should be continually dampening their ardor, casting a chill and gloom on their hopes and snuffing them for the contest by untimely remonstrances and base leanings toward submission; that we would be untrue to our principles, untrue to our wives and children, who would be the greatest sufferers by submission, untrue to our noble dead, untrue to our interests, untrue to our State, untrue to our Confederacy, and untrue to the cause of freedom, now to submit to the domination of such as rule the Northern people, and that we fear their rule more than we fear their wrath.

Resolved, That we have learned with deep mortification and regret that several meetings of citizens have been held in North Carolina, in which resolutions have been adopted declaring opposition to the further enforcement of the conscript law in our State; that we cannot regard such action, taken by a portion of our people, in any other light than as favoring the cause of our enemies, with whom we are contending, and in this point of view as dishonorable, and to us who have been relying upon those at home for support and sympathy, as treacherous in the extreme; and that we cannot regard the appointment of an obnoxious tithingman, or the failure of the other States to do their duty patriotically, as any excuse for North Carolina to refuse to perform theirs in any respect; that the alleging such an excuse shows that they do not plead any inability to comply with the requirements of the law, but that it is a species of cheating hypocrisy, employed by those who desire to escape the dangers and hardships of the war.

Resolved, That the course of the Raleigh Standard and its supporters in North Carolina in encouraging this spirit among our people meets with our unqualified condemnation, and we denounce the statement of the editor of that paper that his course is approved by a large majority of the troops from North Carolina, as utterly false, and that for the fair fame and reputation of North Carolina, we sincerely hope that no such statement will be reiterated.

Resolved, That in a struggle of the character in which we are engaged, involving as it does the preservation or destruction of all our rights as freemen, the freedom of the press, does not demand that any sentiments, however treasonable, may be uttered with impunity; that this inestimable right in every well regulated government, is and should be restricted within such limits as to forbid this; and it should be found that true patriotism in North Carolina had so far lost its hold upon the minds and hearts of her people as to be unable to check the course of the Standard and other papers who are giving utterance to such sentiments, then the public authorities would be recreant to the cause of the country, if they should fail to take measures for their suppression.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the noble and patriotic course of Gov. Vance in this struggle for our independence; and that we willingly confide the honor and integrity of our State in his hands, and that we are certain he will not betray his trust.

Resolved, That while the resolutions adopted show truly the sentiments of the Convention upon all the points embraced in them, inasmuch as it is impossible in this form to embody all that the Convention and those whom they represent desire should be said to the people of our State, with the arguments and considerations which might be brought forward to sustain them, the President of the Convention be authorized to appoint a committee of seven members of the Convention, who shall be entrusted with the preparation and publication of an address to the people of the State, specially appealing to the good and the patriotic to rise in their might and put down the small (as we believe), but treasonable faction in their midst, whose machinations we have more trouble to resist than the power of our enemies.

The resolutions were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted. Pending their adoption, remarks were submitted by Col. Garrett, Col. Bennett, Lieut. Col. Jones, Capt. Bird and Lt. Hill.

Capt. R. W. York, 6th regiment, responded to calls and entertained the Convention in an eloquent address, and handling the traitors and reconstructionists without gloves. The speaker was frequently interrupted by the enthusiastic applause of the Convention.

published in pamphlet form for general distribution. The proceedings of the Convention were frequently embellished by delightful music given at the close of the 21st and 20th regiments.

After a motion returning thanks to the officers thereof, the Convention adjourned sine die.

BRYAN GRIMES, President.
Secretaries.—Jno. Ashford, Lt. Col 38th N. C. T.; J. A. Englehart, Maj. & A. A. G. Maj. Gen. Pender's Staff; W. W. Gaither, Ass't Surg. 26th Regiment; Jos. Jones, Capt. Co. S, 14th Regiment; K. Plummer, Capt. Co. C, 12th Regiment; F. McG. Smith, Capt.—45th Regiment; Iving Jones, Lt.—3rd Regiment; Chas. R. Jones, Lt. Co. G, 55th Regiment; Jno Justice, Lt. & A. D. C., Gen. Hoke; P. C. Carlton, Lt. Co. A, 7th N. C. T.

Camp at Hamilton's Crossings, Va., August 19th, 1863.
The officers and members of Captain Reilly's and Latham's Batteries, N. C. Troops, determined to hold a meeting on the 19th of August, in regard to the action of the Raleigh Standard, at the time appointed there was quite a large assemblage present, as the strength of the two Batteries is between three and four hundred men.

On motion of Captain James Reilly, Captain A. C. Latham was called upon to act as Chairman. Captain Latham on taking the Chair, made a few pertinent remarks, explaining the object of the meeting, in a clear and lucid manner.

On Motion of Lieutenant Myers, Lieutenant Woodward was requested to act as Secretary. On motion of Lieutenant Myers, the Chairman was requested to appoint a committee of sixteen, to draft Resolutions to be submitted to the meeting. The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen:

From Captain Reilly's Battery—Capt. Jay Reilly, New Hanover county; Lieut. John A. Ramsey, Rowan county; James A. Garman, Rowan county; Alfred M. Peeler, Rowan county; Henry S. Cooper, Halifax county; James H. Griffin, Edgecombe county; Joseph W. Pittman, Edgecombe county; J. R. Johnson, Sampson county.

From Capt. Latham's Battery—Lieutenant John M. Perry, Currituck county; G. A. Latham, Beaufort county; W. K. Styton, Currituck county; G. W. Bryan, Craven county; G. Maulpas, Lenoir county; R. B. Saddler, Hyde county; John Collins, Johnston county; B. Pool, Wake county.

After the committee retired, the action of the Standard was discussed at length, in a manner very uncomplimentary to its conductor. In about an hour the committee returned, and reported through their chairman, Capt. Reilly, that they had performed the task assigned them; whereupon, the resolutions were called for, and were read by Lieut. Ramsey as follows:

Whereas, it is with the greatest regret that we, far from home, and every thing we hold dear and dear, find ourselves under the necessity of giving utterance to our feelings, in regard to certain civilians of our State, whose course and action should fill the heart of every good citizen with the greatest contempt and indignation—

Resolved 1st. That the present course of the Standard and its satellite and proteges the Progress (papers published in Raleigh) are at variance with our feelings, and, in our estimation, merit our supreme disgust and indignation.

2d. That though we have been separated for more than two years from home, and those for whose welfare, our hearts most earnestly yearn, and suffering the greatest privations and toils, yet we cannot and will not entertain the idea of reconstruction in any form; and prefer to spend the remainder of our days exposed to the storms of battle, to crouching at the feet of Yankee oppressors.

3d. That we earnestly entreat every citizen of the old North State to spare from their presence as vile traitors every one who entertains the idea of reconstruction in any form; and not allow a few exempt and conscripts to disturb affairs of State, as their only desire is to shirk from duty, at this time of danger to our country. But we ask the officers of the State to assist the officers of the Confederate States in placing every delin