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From the Hillsboro Recorder. THE CONVENTION QUESTION.

Our friends of the Greensborough Patriot, though not dissenting from the views expressed in the Recorder of last week in reference to the propriety of confining the Convention to the canvass for members of the Legislature, yet doubt their practicability. We do not know, if we should attempt it, that we should succeed in persuading our friends that our views are entirely practicable; but we are fully persuaded that they present the only plan that will consist with harmony in the Whig ranks, without which they can have no prospect of success.

Resolved, That we are pleased to see the increasing favour with which the name of Wm. A. Graham is regarded in connection with the next Vice Presidency, and we recommend him to the Whigs of the Union as a Whig and a Statesman tried and found worthy of his trust.

Resolved, That while it is inherent in the American character to sympathize with all efforts in favor of freedom wherever made, still we regard our loyalty to our own institutions and to the policy and traditions of the founders of our liberty, as our paramount duty, and that we believe the cause of freedom throughout the world will be better promoted by the permanent stability and increasing grandeur of our great republic than by mingling ourselves with the policy, conflicts and wars of foreign Nations.

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WHIG MEETING IN WILKES.

The Whigs of Wilkes met in the Court House on the 3d inst. On motion of L. B. Carmichael, Esq., James Parks was called to the chair, and on motion of Dr. James Calloway, W. W. Hampton and W. Mastin were appointed Secretaries.

At the request of the chairman, L. B. Carmichael, Esq., explained the object of the meeting in his usual clear and forcible manner; whereupon, the chairman, upon motion, appointed Charles A. Parks, Esq., A. M. Foster and Haden Spicer a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the views of the meeting.

Resolved, That the time and place have now been selected for holding the next Whig State Convention; and whereas, we consider it important that all parts of the State should be represented;

Resolved, That we approve of the compromise measures of the last Congress, and consider them a final settlement of the exciting questions growing out of slavery.

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He referred to another part of the Senator's speech wherein it was said that this was not interference. Mr. B. held that the passage of this resolution was interference. Intercession was interference, not offensive. He who intercedes between a sovereign and his subject, who has been convicted of a crime, does interfere. Interference, however, was not always intercession. He could conceive of cases where political offences were not attended with any moral guilt, but did not admit it as a general principle. The Senator thinks, and doubtless was correct, that these parties were men whose offence was not stained with any moral guilt, and therefore he intercedes for them.

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THE CHRISTIANA TRIALS.

The report of the Attorney General Eustis of Maryland, does not present in favorable light the conduct pursued by the judge and others in the Christiana trials; and from the statement of Mr. Brent, we should infer that there is little chance of having justice administered in Pennsylvania, in the case of the owner of a slave being killed in the effort to recover his property.

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FRENCH CONSTITUTION.

This document is not worth publishing in full. We give the following abstract of it from an English paper. The French have proved themselves incapable of self-government, and we incline to the opinion that, had as their Constitution is, it is rather better than they deserve.

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STANLY AND GIDDINGS.

In the House of Representatives on Wednesday, Feb. 11, upon the presentation of resolutions from New Jersey, approving the Compromise measures, Giddings took occasion to lecture the House for idling away the public time heretofore, and now discussing questions which ought to have been done months ago.

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