WHIG DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Petersburgh, May 1, 1846.

The Convention met, agreeably to arrangement, at the Court House, in Petersburgh, on Friday, May 1, 1846, at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Hon. T. M. Kilpatrick, of Scott County, Nathan Dresser, Esq., was appointed President protem of the Convention. On motion of J. H. Matheny, Esq., of Sangamon, was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The delegates from the different counties were then called on for their credentials, upon which the following named gentlemen presented their papers and took their seats:

From Cass County--M. W. Delahay.

Marshal County--R. W. Briggs, (authorised to act by letter.)

Menard County--Jacob Williams, Hough J. Irwin.

Scott County--Thomas M. Kilpatrick, Thomas Beal, John White, J. B. Edmundson.

Sangamon County--S. T. Logan, J. H. Matheny, J. W. Smith, Wm. Carson, Nelson Maxy, W. H. Herndon.

Tazewell County--R. W. Briggs, G. E. Winters.

On motion of M. W. Delahay of Cass, a committee was appointed, consisting of five, to select officers to preside over the deliberations of the Convention.

On motion of T. M. Kilpatrick, of Scott, a committee of five was appointed to draught resolutions expressive of the sense of the Convention.

Upon which first Committee were appointed the following named persons:--M. W. Delahay, T. M. Kilpatrick, R. W. Briggs, S. T. Logan, H. J. Irwin.

And upon the second were appointed the following named persons:--T. M. Kilpatrick, S. T. Loga[illegible] G. E. Winters, J. H. Matheny

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Wm. Carson.

On motion of Mr. Winters, of Tazewell, it was

Resolved, That those counties which were partially but not fully represented, should have their full vote cast by the delegates attending.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to one o'clock P. M.

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The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Mr. Dresser in the Chair. The Committee of five appointed to select officers for the Convention, reported in favor of NATHAN DRESSER, for President, and WILLIAM H. HERNDON, of Sangamon, Secretary; which was concurred in.

It was then moved by the Hon. Stephen T. Logan, of Sangamon, that ABRAHAM LINCOLN be nominated as the candidate of the whig party, to represent them from the 7th Congressional district; and which was unanimously agreed to.

The Committee on resolutions made the following report:

Resolved, That the prosperity of the Country demands that the general principles of the existing Tariff of the United States, should be preserved, and that we strongly deprecate the passage of the bill recently reported to the House of Representatives for the modication of the Tariff.

Resolved, That we believe the passage of the bill aforesaid will have a most pernicious influence on the industry of the country.

Resolved, That we utterly disapprove the bill for establishing a Sub-Treasury as unequal and unjust in its operations, as calculated to depress the trade and commerce of the Country, and to give to the office-holders of the Government an undue advantage over the citizens of the Country.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Whig party to put forth their whole strength in the approaching election, as the only

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means of manifesting their determination to adhere to and sustain their principles, and of satisfying all that they are influenced by principle only, and that they are not to be deterred or discouraged by past defeat or by the lukewarmness or defections of others.

Resolved, That we earnestly solicit the Whigs of this District to discard all local, sectional or personal feelings or preferences and to unite cordially in the support of Whig principles.

Resolved, That we present to the Whigs of this District ABRAHAM LINCOLN as the Whig candidate for Congress; that in his past firm and undeviating attachment to and his active and able support of Whig principles, his abilities and integrity entitle him to their cordial support and active support in the approaching election.

Which resolutions were unanimously adopted.

After the nomination of Mr. Lincoln, Mr. T. M. Kilpatrick, of Scott, offered the following resolutions as expressive of the feelings of the individuals composing the Convention; which resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the present condition of our country the utmost deliberation, prudence and unanimity, should characterise the Whig party throughout the Union; and that in every State and District, however great the opposition, the Whigs should strenuously maintain their principles and their republican standing.

Resolved, That as a means of advancing the principles of liberty in this State, the Whigs are now, as heretofore, in favor of liberal amendments to our State Constitution, and although we do not feel disposed to speak for the Whig party in specifying their amendments, as individuals we recommend to the Whig party the following amendments--and in such amendments, among other things, they are in favor

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1st--Of abolishing the present Council of Revision as a part of the Legislative power.

2nd--Of so restricting the appointing power and the power of the Legislature, as to commit the election of all the State officers, the judges and clerks of our courts and district attornies to the people, and limit the tenure of the office of the judges.

3rd--Of so restricting the power of the legislature to pledge the credit of the State, that it can not be pledged beyond a specified sum amount unless sanctioned by a vote of the people.

4th--To limit the length of time of a session of the Legislature, and to fix the per diem allowance of members, and also to limit the number of members.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick it was further

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the whig party of this State should bring out and support at the next election, candidates for Governor and Lieut. Governor.

And further in furtherance of the above resolution, J. H. Matheny moved--

That a Convention be held in Peoria, on the 2d Monday in June, for the nomination of candidates for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and that it be recommended to the whigs of this Congressional district to hold primary meetings and elect delegates to the said convention.

The Convention then adjourned with much good feeling.

NATHAN DRESSER, President.

WM. H. HERNDON, Secretary.

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