

HARRISON STATE CONVENTION OF MARYLAND.

Proceedings of the Harrison State Convention of Maryland, assembled at Baltimore city, on Thursday, April 9th, 1840.

The Convention was called to order by Geo. R. Richardson, upon whose motion Robt' W. Bowie of Prince George's county, was chosen to preside as Chairman, with a view to the organization of the Convention. Mr. Bowie was then conducted to the chair by the delegation representing his county. Upon the motion of the same gentleman, Joseph H. Nicholson of Annapolis city, was chosen Secretary of the Convention.

The Secretary proceeded to call the Delegations from the several counties of the State, when the following gentlemen appeared and answered to their names. All the counties were represented except Cecil and Alleghany.

Anne Arundel county.—Thomas Hood, J. S. Williams, Nicholas B. Worthington, Charles Waters, Benjamin E. Gant, Richard Sellman.

Annapolis city.—Joseph H. Nicholson. Baltimore county.—William S. Winder, Samuel Parker, George Harryman, John Wethered, Caleb D. Goodwin.

Baltimore city.—John McKim, Jr. George R. Richardson, John Glas, Thomas Kelso, Chas. W. Hanson.

Calvert county.—Benjamin Teach. Caroline county.—Aaron M. Arlett, Ignatius B. Newton, Joseph Mobery.

Carroll county.—Jacob Mathias, Joshua C. Guest, Nicholas Dorsey.

Dorchester county.—William T. Goldsborough Reuben Tall, Noah Dickson, Aaron Richardson.

Frederick county.—Isaac Baugher, William P. Jones, Grafton Hammond, Dr. Thomas Springer, James L. Davis.

Harford county.—William B. Bond, Jacob A. Preston, Charles H. Rule, David G. McCoy.

Kent county.—Edwin Wilkens Thomas Walker, William McLane.

Montgomery county.—William M. Stewart, George C. Patterson, Richard Holmes, Thomas J. Bowie, Thos. T. Wheeler.

Prince George's county.—William T. Wootton, Robert W. Bowie, Osborn Sprigg Charles Calvert.

Queen Ann's county.—Thomas Ashcom, John Brown, D. C. Hopper Emory.

Somerset county.—Richard Lemon. Samuel W. Jones, George S. Atkinson.

St. Mary's county.—Henry Sewell, Arthur Coak, Jno. Beam, Bennet Taylor, Robert Thompson, William S. Crane, Thomas Loker, William L. Smith.

Talbot county.—Nicholas Goldsborough, John Harrington, John Bozman Kerr.

Washington county.—Otho H. Williams, William B. Clarke, Alexander Neill, Andrew Hogans.

Worcester county.—Williams, H. Wailes, Edwin Foreman, George M. Uphur, Littleton Dennis, Jr.

A motion was then made that the Chair appoint a Committee to consist of one Delegate from each county to report officers for this Convention. The motion being adopted, the Chair appointed the following gentlemen:—Henry Sewell, Thomas Walker, Thomas Hood, William S. Winder, Nicholas Goldsborough, David G. McCoy, Aaron M. Arlett, William M. Stewart, Jacob Mathias, Richard Lemon, Wm. T. Goldsborough, William T. Wootton, Thomas Ashcom, Wm. H. Wailes, Grafton Hammond, John McKim, Jr. Otho H. Williams.

The Committee, after a short absence, reported the following gentlemen as officers of the Convention:

President.
ROBERT W. BOWIE, of Prince George's county.

Vice Presidents.
JOHN MCKIM, Jr. of Baltimore city.
THOMAS HOOD, of Anne Arundel county.
NICHOLAS GOLDSBOROUGH of Talbot Co.
DR. RICHARD LEMON of Somerset county.

Secretaries.
JOSEPH H. NICHOLSON, of Annapolis city.
WILLIAM B. CLARKE of Washington county.

On motion, it was ordered, That the President of the Convention appoint a Committee to consist of one Delegate from each county, to report subject matter for the consideration of the Convention. The President appointed the following gentlemen:

Charles W. Hanson, John S. Williams, Reuben Tall, Edwin Foreman, Alexander Neill, Joseph H. Nicholson, Arthur Coak, John Bozman Kerr, Wm. T. Wootton, James L. Davis, William M. Stewart, Ignatius B. Newton, Samuel W. Jones, D. C. Hopper Emory, Wm. B. Bond, Jacob Mathias, John Wethered.

Upon motion of Col. Wm. T. Wootton, the Convention adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met at the hour appointed, and was called to order by the President, when the Committee reported the following resolutions.

Resolved, That a State Central Committee of twenty one residents in the City of Baltimore, be appointed by the President of this Convention, clothed with full powers to superintend and direct the political movements of the friends of HARRISON and TYLER in reference to the Presidential and other elections of the ensuing fall—that seven of the Committee constitute a quorum—that the chairman of each county committee to be hereafter appointed, be ex-officio a member of such Central Committee. Said committee to have power to fill any vacancy that may occur.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the appointment in each county of a committee. That it be the duty of the officers of the county committee to hold constant correspondence with the State Central Committee. They should meet frequently during the canvass, be careful to visit their Post Offices, and

upon receiving pamphlets, papers, or other communications from the Central Committee, to distribute them with the utmost industry. They should be empowered to manage all county matters in relation to the canvass, and to organize committees of vigilance to bring out the voters at each election, as well as to attend the polls and see that the elections are fairly conducted.

Resolved, That the county committees should especially appoint a District committee for each election district within their respective counties. These District committees should be charged particularly with the distribution of all pamphlets, papers, &c which may be sent to them from the county committees; and with a view to this duty, the District committees should procure copies of the pollbooks of their respective districts, & parcel out the names on the same amongst their own members, having reference to local position, so that each member of a District committee may be able to distribute publications amongst a convenient number of voters in his neighborhood, whereby every man on the poll books may be supplied.

Resolved, That the Central Committee should publish, to the extent of the means at their disposal, pamphlets and tracts, calculated to convey to the public mind the most accurate and useful knowledge of public affairs. They should procure as many well conducted newspapers as possible, and circulate them amongst the people—and should keep up such a correspondence with the county committees as may enable them to produce the greatest vigor and concert in the action of the party. For the purpose of distribution, the Central committee should employ special messengers when necessary, and should allow no obstacles to prevent the rapid and wide diffusion of the publications they may think proper to circulate.

The Electoral candidates should all be nominated before the first of June; they should visit as many counties as possible, not confining themselves to their own districts.

Resolved, That this convention further recommends to the several counties of the State to hold frequent assemblages of the friends of Harrison and Tyler during the ensuing summer and fall.

The President presented a communication from the Delegates of Cecil county, which was read; and on motion of Wm. M. Stewart, ordered that it be entered on the journal of the proceedings, that the absence of the Delegation from Cecil is occasioned by their attendance on the court now in session in said county.

On motion of Wm. McLean, of Kent the convention adjourned, to meet on Friday morning, at eleven o'clock.

The convention met at 11 o'clock.—After being called, The President announced to the convention the following named gentlemen, to constitute the State Central committee:
Samuel Jones, Jr. John S. Ridgely, Nathan F. Williams, Abraham G. Cole, James Gieves, Wm. R. Jones, Hugh Birchhead, Geo. R. Richardson, George W. Kiebs, James Frazier, Wm. M. Chesnut, A-a Needham, James Harwood, Wm. H. Gatchell, Tho's. Yates Walsh, George M. Gull, Gustav W. Lurman, Samuel McClelland, Charles H. Pitts, Nelson Poe, John P. Kennedy.

Mr. McLean, of Kent, submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this convention, delegated from counties which have not, as yet, appointed their Central committees be instructed to urge upon the citizens of their respective counties the necessity of such organization, and forthwith, upon such organization, to report themselves to the State Central committee.

The following resolution was offered by Wm. M. Stuart, of Montgomery, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this convention mutually pledge to each other to use their most zealous and unremitting exertions to carry out to successful issue, the measures which have here been adopted, and until the day of election, will enter upon a generous rivalry who shall do most in the common cause.

Wm. B. Bond, of Harford, submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this convention most heartily concur in the nomination of Gen. Wm. H. Harrison and John Tyler, as the Whig candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the United States—that in Gen. Wm. H. Harrison we recognize the skillful and gallant commander who has often led the armies of his country to victory and to glory—as the able and faithful statesman, who having passed through various high and responsible civil offices, has left no one act upon which his bitterest enemies can justly cast a shade of censure. That in John Tyler we recognize the able and steady friend of the constitution, the ready advocate of all measures tending to the best interests of our country.

Upon the adoption of the above resolutions the convention was severally addressed by Wm. S. Winder, Edwin Foreman, Wm. B. Bond and Wm. B. Clare, delegates from the counties of Baltimore, Harford, Washington and Worcester, reporting the progress of Harrisonian principles within their limits, each representing the enthusiasm of their citizens in the glorious cause of Harrison and Reform.

The convention then adjourned to meet at 4 P. M. On re-assembling, at that hour, it was addressed, with great zeal and ability, by the Hon John P. Kennedy and the Hon. Charles W. Hanson.

Mr. Bozman Kerr then submitted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the President and other officers, for the able and dignified

manner in which they have presided over the deliberations of the Harrison State Convention.

The resolution being adopted, a motion was made that the proceedings of the convention be signed by its officers and published in the newspapers of the State friendly to the Harrison cause.

On motion of Wm. M. Stewart, the convention adjourned sine die.

R. W. BOWIE, President.
Dr. Richard Lemon, }
Thomas Hood, } V. Pres'ts.
John McKim, Jr. }
Nicholas Goldsborough }
J. H. Nicholson, } Secretaries,
W. B. Clarke, }