

Upon this motion Mr. Merrick asked the yeas and nays, which appeared as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Merrick and Smith. *Nays*—Messrs. Kennedy, Hall and Goldsborough.

Mr. Merrick then moved that the following named persons, who he had been advised were at some time members of the Order, but who had withdrawn from it, should be summoned to testify before the committee, viz: Messrs. Hall, Forrester, Hutchins, Sterling, Disney, McClintock, Ourdorf, J. B. Brashears, and Orrick, who are mentioned above.

Upon being asked by the Chairman what particulars he expected to prove by them, Mr. Merrick stated that he could not tell what a witness would prove, especially on a subject of this nature, until the witness was placed under examination; but he had been informed that these persons could give testimony, material and important, to the inquiries the committee were charged with, and he wished them therefore to be summoned to testify to each and every point submitted to their investigation, and upon this proposition he called for the yeas and nays, which appeared as follows.

*Yeas*—Messrs. Merrick and Smith. *Nays*—Messrs. Kennedy, Hall and Goldsborough.

Mr. Merrick then moved that the following named persons, believed to be now members of the order, be summoned to testify on the subject of their investigations before this committee, viz: Messrs Cross, Dulaney, Lee, Whitney, Harris, S. Hinks, C. D. Hinks, Spicer, Kemp, and Griffith, herein before mentioned, and upon this motion he asked the yeas and nays, which appeared as follows, viz:

*Yeas*—Mr. Merrick, Mr. Smith. *Nays*—Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hall, Mr. Goldsborough.

Whereupon the committee adjourned to meet again on the summons of the chairman.

WM. D. MERRICK,

THOS. B. SMITH.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1856.

The committee met in obedience to the call of the chairman. Present, all the members.

The majority, Messrs. Kennedy, Hall and Goldsborough, stated that they deemed it inexpedient to summon any witnesses to testify