

THE COMMISSIONS.

Continued from the First Page. its business, its manufactures, and its destiny to the keeping and absolute management of a new commission...

Second. Because the Commissioners are to be appointed, not by the people who millions they are to control...

Third. Because these acts empower the Commissioners to compel Councils to levy any rate of taxation the Commissioners may think fit...

Fourth. Because these acts will open the door to the most stupendous corruption, which may ensue from this wholesale transfer to irresponsible Commissioners...

Fifth. Because these acts sweep away our ancient privileges and long-enjoyed municipal franchises, and launch our city, with all its hopes and destinies, upon unknown and uncertain seas...

Sixth. Because these acts are sought to be passed without a single petition to the Legislature in their favor from the people whom they are to affect...

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Resolved, That no argument in favor of these iniquitous Commission schemes can be based upon any alleged maladministration of municipal affairs...

Resolved, That the men from Philadelphia who have inaugurated, and presented to the Legislature these bills, deserve the reprobation of every citizen...

Resolved, That the faithful representatives from Philadelphia, who have opposed the said bills, are entitled to the thanks of every citizen of Philadelphia...

Resolved, That the president of this meeting transmit to the Governor and each member of the Senate and House of Representatives a copy of the proceedings of this meeting.

Resolved, That a committee of fifty be appointed by the president to prepare and submit to the Governor and Legislature such memorials and remonstrances against the passage of the said Commission bills as they may deem advisable and proper.

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