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WM. SEARIGHT, of Fayette County.

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Before the meeting of the State Convention, it was generally conceded that the candidate for Canal Commissioner should be selected from the Northern part of the State.

We believe this has been universally acknowledged, throughout the Commonwealth. The North with its preponderance of Democrats, yearly swelling the majority of the party, and ever reliable, was most conspicuously treated in the nomination of Supreme Judges.

We have seen a disposition manifested for some time, on the part of the unscrupulous partisans of Mr. BUCHANAN, to violate former usages, to trample upon the rights of the minority, for the purpose of securing such a delegation from the Keystone Commonwealth in the next National Convention, as would be available for every mercenary and dishonest purpose.

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The Democratic State Convention.

The proceedings of the late Democratic State Convention will be found in this week's paper.

The great apostle of our faith—THOMAS JEFFERSON—has declared "that the minority have no right to invade." And in our judgment, no right has been more clearly and definitely established, no usage more firmly settled, than that the Delegates from the several Congressional Districts should exercise the privilege of selecting their Delegates to the National Convention, and their Electors to be supported by the people.

An attempt was made, in the Convention of 1848 to alter this custom, but the Convention, though Mr. BUCHANAN's friends were largely in the majority, refused to countenance the outrage, and in every case where a majority of the Delegates from a District reported the name of a Delegate, their choice was confirmed by the Convention, although several of the Delegates to the National Convention were known not to be personally friendly to Mr. BUCHANAN's nomination.

It is not alleged that the Delegates thus selected proved unfaithful to their institutions, but it is whispered that when Mr. BUCHANAN's nomination became manifestly impossible, they refused to be transferred at the will of the harpies who endeavor to control the organization of the Democratic party for purposes of plunder and personal aggrandizement.

Will they show that they are not slaves nor cowards? Will they speak out, as freemen should speak and denounce the outrage and the perpetrators of it? "Heredity's bondage," know you not, who would be free, themselves must strike the blow!"

And if the democratic party and press of the State expect to cast off the harpies who have stolen the livery of democracy for dishonest purposes, who have turned the temple of our faith into a den of thieves, the time has come when they should send up a shout of defiance, and not content with words, be prepared to act. It is well enough to protest, but words will not answer. The tyranny which scoffs at written protest, may be made to quail before the ballot-box.

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- DAVID BOIES, Beaver. T. M. HALL, Centre. PHILIP DOUGHERTY, Dauphin. R. McALISTER, GEORGE PALMER, Delaware. A. SALTSMAN, Erie. SMITH JACKSON, Erie. JAMES NILL, Franklin. WILLSON REILY, G. A. ACHENBACH, Clinton. JOHN D. STILES, Lehigh. PHILIP BILMYER, Northumberland. WM. HENRY MILLER, Perry. MORRIS LEECH, Mercer. DAVID BATES, Mifflin. CHARLES M. HALL, Schuylkill. MICHAEL WEAVER, EDWARD M. CLYMER, Berks. JOHN S. HOOKER, P. U. HOOD, Fayette.

In conformity with this protest, the Delegates signing it, refused to participate in the selection of Delegates and Electors in the manner proposed by the convention. The paper itself was referred to a Committee of five, and smothered in that Committee, the majority feeling conscious that the reasons and principles laid down in it, are good and tenable, and in consonance with the doctrines of true Democracy.

The Delegates from the 17th, 14th, 13th, and 6th, Congressional districts presented the names of persons they had selected to represent those districts as Delegates and Electors. We trust that the spirit which prompted the protest will animate the breasts of the delegates who signed it, and that they will appeal to their constituents to sustain them in the righteous course they have adopted.

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The Delegates from the XIII District.

Amongst the acts of a Convention, whose proceedings were marked with a disposition to disregard the former usages of the Democratic party, and trample upon the feelings and rights of the minority, the greatest outrage has been perpetrated in the selection of Delegates to represent the 12th Congressional District, in the Baltimore Convention.

We have no personal feelings to gratify in this matter—by-gones are by-gones, and we think we have paid off all scores thoroughly—but as Democrats, as friends to our party organization, and lovers of our principles—as jealous of the purity of that party and desirous of maintaining its good name, we feel called upon to denounce the course and action which have foisted into a Democratic National Convention, an inveterate foe of our principles and a zealous opponent of our organization.

If there is a sincere and disinterested friend to JAMES BUCHANAN in Bradford County, the intelligence that CHRISTOPHER L. WARD has been chosen to guard and represent his interests in the National Convention, will be a source of deep humiliation and of as much regret to him as it is to us.

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Proceedings of the State Convention.

HARRISBURG, March 4, 1852. The Democratic State Convention met today in the Hall of the House of Representatives, pursuant to the call of the Democratic State Central Committee, to elect Delegates to represent the Democracy of the State in the Convention to be held at Baltimore, to nominate a Presidential Elector, and a candidate for Canal Commissioner.

At 11 o'clock Wm. Badger, of the city, called the Convention to order, and nominated Geo. W. S. Ross, of Luzerne county, as Chairman, who was unanimously elected. Smith Skinner, of Philadelphia county, and H. Welsh, of York, were then, on motion of the Chairman, elected Secretaries. George R. McArthur, of Luzerne county, was elected Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Rankin, of Luzerne, the elected Senatorial Districts were taken up in the following order: The disputed seat for the Erie and Crawford Districts being first in order, the claimants were called on, and heard 20 minutes. A proposition was made by Mr. Scott of the Erie District, to admit both claimants. After further debate, the question returning to the original motion, it was negatived. Mr. Arthur was then on motion, admitted as the authorized delegate from Erie.

Mr. Hirtz, of the City, objected to the admission of any of the above as a delegate, on the ground that he was not a resident of the county. It was agreed that when the Convention adjourns to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATES. Philadelphia City—Chambers McKibben, Geo. P. Philadelphia County—Wm. V. M'Crath, James Fagan, Jesse T. Volges. Montgomery—Jacob B. Yost. Chester and Delaware—Wm. Gambier, Berks—John H. Selzer. Bucks—Thomas Dungan. Lancaster and Lebanon—Dr. D. C. Marshall, L. Reynolds. Northumberland and Dauphin—John B. Fisher, Northampton and Lehigh—Wm. F. W. Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne—Wm. L. Adams and Franklin—John Armstrong, York—Wm. Henry Welsh. Cumberland and Perry—Abraham Lamberton, Centre, Clinton, Lycoming and Sullivan—D. D. Deitch. Blair, Cambria and Huntingdon—John S. Luzerne, Montour and Columbia—J. S. Bradford, Susquehanna and Wyoming—John T. Meany. Tioga, Potter, M'Kear, Elk, Clearfield and Luzerne—James G. Gillis. Mercer, Venango and Warren—W. H. Lancaster, Erie and Crawford—W. M'Arthur. Butler, Beaver and Lawrence—Hugh M'Kean, Allegheny—David Lynch, M. Stewart. Washington and Green—Wm. S. Callahan, Bedford and Somerset—Isaac Huger, Armstrong, Indiana and Union—Wilson Neuma, Mifflin and Clinton—Henry C. Westmoreland and Fayette—D. K. Marchant, Schuylkill—John Horn.

REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATES. Adams—J. B. Dancy. Allegheny—H. S. Magraw, John Coyle, E. Loch, D. Lynch, J. H. Phillips. Armstrong, Clarion and Jefferson—James R. Reynolds, Laughlin, David Barclay, Bedford and Cambria—Philip Noss, James Staum. Berks—John S. Schroeder, E. M. Clynch, Missimer, Mahlon Barlett. Bucks—Benj. Griffith, Howard C. Bagen, M. Hager. Beaver, Butler and Lawrence—David Box, Graham, Andrew Buchanan. Bradford—James Mercer, Addison M'Kean, Blair and Huntingdon—Geo. R. M'Fadden, R. Hunter. Chester—Maj. McVeagh, Andrew Murphy, Gillilan. Centre—T. M. Hall. Clearfield, Elk, and M'Kean—Geo. Barred, Columbia and Montour—John McReynolds, Crawford—Geo. Merriman, Ransom King, Dauphin—Philip Dougherty, Richard M. Delaware—George Palmer. Erie—Smith Jackson, Anthony Saltzman, Fayette and Westmoreland—Wm. Stewart, Dr. John W. Coulter, Alexander M'Kean, Franklin—James N. Wilson, Henry Bely, Greene—Maxwell M'Caslin. Indiana—Abner Kelly. Lebanon—W. W. Murray. Lycoming, Clinton and Potter—Geo. A. L. Leitch, John B. Beck. Lancaster—Paul Hamilton, J. F. Lightner. Patterson, Ramer, C. Barnum, John D. Luzerne—J. W. Rhoads, D. R. F. Leitch, Monroe and Pike—J. L. Ringwalt. Mercer, Venango and Warren—Arnold P. Morris, Leech, J. V. James. Mifflin—David M. M'Keen. Montgomery—W. Jacoby, Ardenas Stewart, S. Weller. Northampton—David Wagner, Peter Beck, Northumberland—Philip Bilyear. Philadelphia County—Miles Sweney, Saml. Geo. Moore, Samuel Jackson, J. A. J. Noble, Joseph Lippencott, John McFall, Philadelphia City—Wm. L. Hirtz, Wm. G. W. Bowman, Patrick Conroy. Somerset—R. R. Ruddy. Schuylkill—Michael Weaver, C. M. Ball, Chester, R. A. Sullivan, and Wyoming—L. S. Chester, R. J. Niven. Tioga—Jeremiah Black. Union and Juniata—John V. Barber. Washington—Thomas Watson, Wm. Hopson, Wayne—H. B. Beardsley. York—John Moore, Isaac Beck, Adam Elmer.

On motion of Mr. Badger, of the city, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the Chairman of the Convention appoint a committee, consisting of one person from each Senatorial District, to report officers for the permanent organization of the Convention.

The Chair announced the following committee: 1 George Moore, 15 Philip Noss. 2 Wm. L. Hirtz, 16 John McKeen. 3 George W. Jacoby, 17 R. F. Meach. 4 William Gambier, 18 R. Laughlin. 5 John K. Selzer, 19 Amold Patten. 6 Thomas Dungan, 20 Wm. Beck. 7 Dr. B. F. Ann, 21 John Graham. 8 Philip Bilyear, 22 Perry Baker. 9 D. W. Wagner, 23 Wm. S. Callahan. 10 J. L. Ringwalt, 24 James Stewart. 11 Joel B. Danner, 25 James (Deutch). 12 John Moore, 26 John V. Barber. 13 A. Lamberton, 27 John W. Coulter. 14 John B. Buch, 28 John Horn.

ATTEST: Hon. W. HOPKINS, Washington, Fire President. David D. Wagner, Northampton, Arnold Plummer, Venango. 1. Miles Sweney, Philadelphia Co. 2. G. W. Bowman. 3. Michael Arnold.