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The State Convention—Ex-Governor Curtin and the Vice Presidency—The Instruction of Delegates—Why Twenty-two Delegates Voted for Mr. Wade.

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The Philadelphia Convention has come and gone, and will soon pass out of memory. Its endorsement of Governor Curtin for the Vice Presidency was generally anticipated, and, if his friends had been content with that, as they should have been, the delegates to Chicago, elected by the several Congressional districts, would, in all human probability, have acquiesced in the endorsement and given him the unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania delegation at Chicago.

But when they undertook to instruct the delegates to Chicago, elected by the people, and followed the example of their appointments made by the people and elected a complete delegation of their own, they not only transmuted their powers, but invoked by the invasion of popular rights, an opposition they would not have otherwise encountered. It was decided by the State Committee, in calling the Convention, that it should elect only the delegates at large. This was done in order to force the call for its assembling, and it was also distinctly stated in that call that the people of each Congressional district should elect their own representatives to Chicago. This was a right fairly belonging to the people, and as fairly conceded to them; and the act of the Convention, in taking it out of their hands, was one of gross usurpation.

At first, the managers for Gov. Curtin were content with an effort to instruct the delegates to elect him. This, the Convention clearly had a right to do, and the movers of it evidently had, at first, some doubt of its success; but succeeding in it better than they anticipated, they at once determined to assume the bold ground of denying to the people the right to elect delegates at all, and introduced a resolution to authorize the President of the Convention to appoint a Committee of twenty-four to report a list of delegates to Chicago from each Congressional district, and finally placing the appointment of the delegates in the hands of the President and taking it away, not only from the people, but from their representatives.

The only arguments used in favor of this proposition were: first, that the majority of the Convention had the power to do this, and therefore they would be foolish not to use it; and second, that, if the election of delegates were left to the people, they might elect poor Gov. Curtin, and the majority in a State, have no right to exercise their judgment in such matters against the majority. In other words, if a little more than half the State goes for one man, the little less than the other half have no right to go for any other man.

The vote for the first resolution, to instruct the delegates from the Congressional districts, was 89 to 40; for the second, to deprive the people of the power of electing delegates from the Congressional districts, it was 84 to 47. The names of the forty are as follows:

AGAINST THE RESOLUTION OF INSTRUCTION.**Senatorial Delegates.**

Philadelphia—C. T. Jones.

Luzerne—E. N. Willard.

Dauphin and Lebanon—S. F. Barr.

Lancaster—Maj. W. M. Wiley.

Somerset, Bedford and Fulton—H. B. Barnes.

Allegheny—T. M. Marshall, H. S. Fleming.

Representative Delegates.

Philadelphia—R. C. Tittermary, H. J. McIntire, Charles Carpenter, J. N. Marks.

Allegheny—Russell Errett, W. S. Purvis.

and Joseph Walton, W. Morgan, Jos. A. Miller, E. O. Goodrich.

Berks—W. H. Strickland.

Bucks—Jno. Wildman, S. C. Purcell.

Bradford and Sullivan—E. O. Goodrich.

Blair—Samuel McCamant.

Chester—John T. Potts.

Cravensburg—John C. Sturdevant.

Columbia and Montour—D. H. B. Brower.

Dauphin—H. B. Hoffman, John J. Glyde.

Lancaster—M. H. Shirk.

Middlesex—R. F. Russell.

Monroe—Isaac Frazer.

Venango and Warren—R. S. McCormack.

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