STAR & REPUBLICAN BANNER.
GETTYSBURG, PENN.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1838.

Young Men's Ritner Convention.

PITTSBURG, Monday, 12 M.

Convention met at the 22 Associate Reformed Church, on Fourth street, and was temporarily organized by appointing General T. S. CUNNINGHAM, of Mercer, President, and Col. *J. D. Mathiot* of Westmoreland, and Mr. *E. Guyer* of Dauphin, Secretaries.

A committee, consisting of one delegate from each city and county represented, was appointed to report permanent officers, who reported the following, who were unanimously elected:

President.

WM. HEISTER, Esq. of Berks.

Vice Presidents.

Daniel M. Smyser, Adams,
Henry M Brackenridge, Alleghany
Capt. Samuel Murphy, Armstrong
James Patterson, Beaver
Wm. H Keim, Berks
Samuel Funk, Bedford
Jervis Ely, Bucks
George W Smith, Butler
George L King, Cambria
Andrew G Custen, Centre
Benjamin Hartshorn, Clearfield
Daniel M Farrelly, Crawford
Wm M Porter, Cumberland
Isaac Updegraff, Dauphin
Wm Eyre, Delaware
Elijah Babbit, Erie
John J Clyde, Fayette
Wm Crawford, Greene
David Blair, Washington
Adam Bausman, Indiana
Jas B Ferree, Lancaster county
P. Meixwell, Lancaster city
George Mark, Lebanon
Aug. F. Rhue, Lehigh
Jersey Manley, Lycoming
Ezekiel Sankey, Mercer
P F Kessler, Mifflin
Thomas Reed, Montgomery
Wm Metcalf, Philadelphia county
M S Wickersham, M D., Philadelphia city
H F Etter, Perry
Geo M Eckert, Schuylkill
John P Tiedman, Somerset
John Wolf, Union
R D Reno, Venango
Robert Wylie, Washington
Col R L Seely, Wayne
Jesse Lippincott, Westmoreland
John Bayer, York
C Darragh, Pittsburgh

Secretaries.

John B Royer, Huntingdon
Thomas W Duffield, Jr. Philadelphia co
J S Richards, Berks
Wm M Lefridge, Lehigh
D W Fenerty, Mercer
Wm Mills, Washington
Wm Henry, Beaver
Samuel G Boyes, Crawford
John B Quigley, Lycoming

On taking the chair, the President delivered a very neat and appropriate address. After which it was resolved that committees be appointed to draft resolutions and to prepare an address.

During the appointment of the committees, the Convention was addressed by T. C. Hambley, Esq. of York and Mr. Farrelly, of Crawford. After the names of the committees had been announced, Mr. Dunham, of Beaver, having been loudly called for, spoke until the time of adjournment.

The Convention adjourned to meet at the Drave House, at 9 to-morrow morning; thence to march in procession to Mr. Stevenson's lot, on Penn street.

TUESDAY MORNING, Aug. 4, 1838.

The Convention met in pursuance of adjournment, at the place appointed by the Committee of Arrangement. The minutes of the day were read by Thomas W. Duffield, jr. of Philadelphia county, one of the Secretaries. The following committee to draft resolutions made the report below, which was unanimously adopted:

Henry M. Watts, of Pittsburgh
Richard Biddle, Allegheny
Dr. Geo. L Pause, Adams
Alex. McNickle, Armstrong
John Collins, Bedford
George G Barclay, Berks
Samuel M Barclay, Bedford
Col. Elias Gilkeson, Bucks
Detmore Passavant, Butler
George Kerns, Cambria
L. P. Hoyd, Crawford
J. D. Petriken, Centre
Benj. Hartshorn, Clearfield
George M. Philips, Cumberland
Samuel Shoch, Dauphin
J. R. Ziegle, Delaware
Wm. M. Watts, Erie
William Sloan, Fayette,
James W. Moorehead, Greene
Samuel McNeely, Huntingdon
Dr. George Gettess, Indiana
Andrew Barrett, Jefferson
George Ford, Lancaster city
James B. Ferree, Lancaster county
W. W. Selfridge, Lehigh
Henry Bastian, Lycoming
Dr. Leaving Lusk, Mercer
Valentine Contner, Mifflin
Jacob Keyser, Philadelphia county
Thomas C. Crowell, Philadelphia city
William M. Mann, Schuylkill
Smiley Frame, Somerset
C. Vanvonta, Union
William Cornwell, Washington
John P. Bower, Westmoreland
Mr. Spangler, York

After which Judge Brackenridge addressed the convention, and was followed by the Hon. R. Biddle of Pittsburgh.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was then read by Mr. Watts, its chairman, and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, It is not only the right but the duty of the people, peaceably to assemble and consult on all occasions touching the public welfare: And whereas, in the present severitil crisis, the contest for the office of Governor of this commonwealth is one that has excited the deepest interest throughout the Union; And whereas, in view of this state of things, we, the Representatives of the Young Men of Pennsylvania, have assembled together at this time for the purpose of expressing our sentiments, and of adopting such measures as may be deemed conducive to the interest, the happiness, and the future prosperity of our fellow citizens.

Therefore, Resolved, That coming as we do from all parts of the commonwealth, we feel fully authorized in declaring, that the unlawful interference of Martin Van Buren and his federal office holders, with the rights, and liberties, and privileges, which they have reserved to themselves and hold sacred, has excited intense and lasting indignation amongst the people of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That we, the Young Men of Pennsylvania, consider Martin Van Buren as the deliberate oppressor of our people, and we cordially pledge our aid in resisting him and his measures, to the old men of the commonwealth, who have invoked our assistance.

Resolved, That we will oppose Martin Van Buren, now and hereafter, because we have no faith or confidence in the man; because his principles are not the principles of the constitution; and because his most cherished measures have resulted in the ruin of countless thousands, and in the disgrace and bankruptcy of the nation.

Resolved, That in our deliberate opinion, the destruction of the currency, the sus pension of specie payments, the prostration of credit, industry, and commerce, and the consequent embarrassments of the nation, are solely ascribable to the wild policy and measures of the Loco Foco party, of which Martin Van Buren is the head, and Thomas H. Benton the file leader.

Resolved, That we recognise as the leading measure of Martin Van Buren's administration, the infamous Sub-Treasury scheme, a system that had its origin in selfish ambition and political profligacy—that was designed to place the purse of the country in those hands that already wielded the sword—that would have converted the servants of the public into a privileged order, by furnishing "gold for the office holders, and lead for the people"—and that has put for a refusal of Congress, and the loud condemnation of the people, would have flooded the country with irredeemable paper, banished credit, prostrated commerce, and involved all but the office holders of the Federal Government in common ruin.

Resolved, That recognising Martin Van Buren as the legitimate author of the irredeemable paper system, which he substituted in lieu of our good old fashioned but sound currency, we sincerely recommend to him the advice of Old Joe Ritner, and earnestly hope that he will adopt instant measures for the redemption of his Ten Millions of National Shin Plasters.

Resolved, That the motto of the Anti Van Buren Young Men of Pennsylvania, is "Equal Rights and the supremacy of the Laws," and they will stand together shoulder to shoulder in maintaining the one and upholding the other.

Resolved, That we consider the doctrines avowed by the Locofoco Van Buren party, through their papers and in their convention as subversive of justice, morality, and the principles of the constitution, to office of any man who shall identify himself with that party.

And whereas, the Democratic Antimasonic Convention, which assembled at Harrisburg on the 5th of March last, did unanimously nominate our present distinguished Governor for re-election.

And whereas, we, the Representatives of the Young Men of Pennsylvania, have the most perfect confidence in the intelligence, virtue, honesty, and patriotism of Gov. Ritner, and are well pleased with all the measures of his administration, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend Joseph Ritner for re-election to the office of Governor of Pennsylvania;

1. Because he is a Democratic Republican one of the old school, and in the language of Thomas Jefferson, "honest, capable, and faithful to the Constitution."

2. Because, in all the relations of private life, he has sustained an unblemished reputation, whilst his whole public career has been distinguished by true wisdom, and exalted patriotism.

3. Because, his situation, as a practical Farmer and working man, has identified him with the interests and feelings, & made him familiar with the wants of the people.

4. Because in the last war between the United States and Great Britain, he exposed his life in the service of his country.

5. Because, during his administration as Governor of this Commonwealth, he has shown himself to be a true hearted Pennsylvanian, by firmly and nobly resisting the encroachments and usurpation of Martin Van Buren and the federal office holders on the rights and liberties of the people of Pennsylvania.

6. Because, that during his administration, the State not has been repealed, the state debt diminished, a wise system of internal improvements adopted, common schools sustained and promoted, the income of the public works doubled, and all the great interests of Pennsylvania protected, without adding one dollar to the burthens of the people.

7. Because, when by the unnecessary and unauthorized interference of the General Government with the currency of the country, a general suspension of specie payments had taken place, he refused by his proclamation of the 27th May, 1837, to sanction that suspension by the banks of this Commonwealth, thus giving to the people the most effectual guarantee that those institutions would be prevented from flooding the country with irredeemable paper, and compelled at the earliest possible period to resume the redemption of their issues in gold and silver.

8. Because, by his celebrated proclamation of the 10th of July, 1838, he not only redeemed his pledge of compelling the banks of this commonwealth to resume specie payments, but was mainly instrumental in effecting that desirable object in no less than ten States in the Union—thus gaining for himself the approbation of the American people, and the glorious title of Restorer of the Currency.

9. Because, he has been the steady and decided opponent of the Van Buren paper currency, commonly called "*Shin Plasters*," and the strenuous advocate of a sound currency and of such reform in the banking system, as would effectually "curb the power to do evil, without interfering with the capacity to promote the public good."

10. Because, by his veto of the Mammoth Improvement Bill of 1837, a pernicious system of Log Rolling was defeated, and the Commonwealth saved from an additional debt of forty millions.

11. Because, he has shown himself the friend of the operative classes of the community, by his refusal to sanction the erections of corporations for objects and purposes fairly within the reach of individual enterprise.

12. Because, he has shown himself the friend of the poor man, by recommending to the Legislature the repeal of the State Tax on Judicial proceedings; thus doing all in his power to place the justice of the country within the reach of all.

13 Because, the wise, prompt and efficient measures of his administration have saved Pennsylvania from the bankruptcy and ruin with which the insane policy of Martin Van Buren has desolated other States of the Union.

14. Because, Joseph Ritner has been the uniform and unwavering opponent of Martin Van Buren and the absurd measures of his administration.

Lastly. Because, while Governor of Pennsylvania, he has commanded for his native State the respect of the whole Union, and for himself the admiration and regard of the nation.

And whereas the Loco Foco followers of Martin Van Buren did also, on the fifth day of March last, acting under the dictation of their masters at Washington, place in nomination as their candidate for the office of Governor, David R. Porter, a man then unknown to the people of the commonwealth. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly will oppose the election of David R. Porter—

1. Because he is the candidate of the Van Buren and Loco Foco party, and, if elected, to enforce and carry out their wild and unprincipled measures.

2. Because the party which nominated David R. Porter abandoned the sage name of Jefferson, and selected as their candidate for Governor a man who is neither "honest" nor "capable" nor "faithful to the Constitution."

3. Because the proofs of his dishonesty and fraudulent insolvency, as exhibited by evidence, irresistible and conclusive, contrasted with other incidents which have marked the character of David R. Porter, show that in private life he does not sustain an unblemished reputation, whilst his public career presents no one act that should claim the consideration or respect of an intelligent people.

4. Because his course in the State Senate has been distinguished only for its inconsistency and want of prudence, at one time voting for the Mammoth Improvement Bill, which was vetoed by Gov. Ritner, and which would have plunged the state into irretrievable debt; and then voting against the judicious improvement bill of the last session, which was intended by its wise and prudent provisions to promote the public prosperity by finishing the improvements already begun, and repairing the state turnpike roads of the commonwealth.

5. Because he has shown himself to be the enemy of the poor man—in theory by voting against the bill to repeal the State Tax on judicial proceedings, as recommended by Gov. Ritner—and in *practice* by refusing to pay the honest laborer his hire.

And lastly. Because in view of these and many other considerations which may be urged, we would view the election of David R. Porter to the office of Governor of this Commonwealth, as a lasting disgrace to the people of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That we caution our fellow citizens to be on their guard against the arts and manœuvres of the office holders and agents of the Federal Government, who are now so actively interfering in our State elections, and who, it is firmly believed, have been supplied with money out of the National Treasury to defeat the election of Joseph Ritner.

Resolved, That as the cause of Joseph Ritner is not only the cause of the Young Men, but of the whole People, we call upon our friends, both young and old, throughout the Commonwealth, to buckle on their armor, to be up and doing, so that on the 2d Tuesday of October we may give a triumphant majority for the Washington County Farmer.

Mr. Cooper, of Adams, then addressed the Convention, and was followed by Mr. Watts of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Smyth, of Indiana, then spoke, and the Convention adjourned to meet again at 3½ P. M.

AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Arthur, of Huntingdon,

Resolved. That the committee on resolutions constitute a committee on Finance, to receive contributions to defray the expenses of the Convention.

Messrs. Ford, of Lancaster; Benedict, Huntingdon; M'Geehan, Cambria; and Elder, Pittsburgh, severally addressed the Convention.

The chair announced the following committee to prepare an address to the people of Pennsylvania.

WM. HEISTER, President.
Adams—James Cooper, D. M. Smyser.
Alleghany—Henry M. Breckenridge, W. W. Irwin.
Armstrong—Samuel Murphy, Jes. Bullington.
Beaver—James Patterson, Smith Conning.
Berks—William M. Keim, Geo. G. Barclay.
Bedford—Samuel Funk, Samuel M. Barclay.
Bucks—J Eih, T. Hellings.
Butler—G. W. Smith, M Sullivan.
Cambria—George S King, Edward J Waters.
Centre—A G Gustin, J Irwin.
Clearfield—Benjamin Hartshorn.
Crawford—David M Farrelly, J Clark.
Cumberland—Wm. M. Porter, James A Gallagher.
Dauphin—Isaac G Updigrove, Andrew Graydon.
Erie—E Fabbit, J Shaner.
Fayette—John C Clyde, Jesse R M'Curdy.
Greene—Wm Crawford, J C Reppert.
Huntingdon—David Blair, A W Benedict.
Indiana—Adam Bausman, Dr. George W Gettys.
Jefferson—H Robinson. C A Alexander.
Lancaster Co.—A. Eshleman, W Kennedy.
Lancaster city—Phares Meixell, I F Long.
Lebanon—George Mark, G Marke.
Lehigh—A F Rube.
Lycoming—G B Manly, C Donaldson.
Mercer—T Sankey, T Pomroy.
Mifflin—P F Kiesler, G M Kulp.
Philadelphia Co—Wm Metcalf, James Dowward.
Philadelphia city—D M Wickersham, T E Crowell.
Perry—H H Etter, A W Monroe.
Schuylkill—G Zeckert, J T Heard.
Union—J F Tiedman, J Vanvolzer.
Washington—D B Rowe, R Wylie, M'Kennan.
Wayne—Col R L Seely.
Westmoreland—J Lippencott, Col J D Mathiot, J Bear, C Donagh.

The chairman of the above committee, Mr. Cooper, of Adams, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to prepare an address to the Young Men of Pennsylvania, not having had time to prepare said address before the time when it was desirable this convention should adjourn, be permitted to prepare and publish said address after the adjournment of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Konigmacher, of Lancaster, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of correspondence be appointed, to consist of one delegate from each city and county, and that the chairman of this Convention be authorized to appoint one person from each county not represented; and that the nearest post office to the members of said committee be annexed to their respective names.

In compliance with which, the following were appointed:

Adams—Geo. L. Fauss.
Allegheny—B. Weaver.
Armstrong—Joseph Bullington, Kittanning.
Beaver—James Patterson, P. M. Brighton.
Bedford—Jas M. Russel, Bedford.
Berks—John S. Richards.
Bucks—Col Elias Gilkeson.
Butler—George W. Smith.
Cambria—Maxwell Morrison, Esq. Johnstown.
Centre—Andr. G. Curtin.
Clearfield—Benjamin Hartshorn.
Crawford—David R. Farrely.
Cumberland—Wm. W. Porter.
Dauphin—Wm. Keller, Harrisburg.
Delaware—Wm. Eyre.
Erie—Wm. Wait.
Fayette—John J. Clyde.
Green—Abj. N. Johnson, Waynesburg.
Huntingdon—James Arthur.
Indiana—Thos White, Indiana P. O.
Jefferson—C. A. Alexander, Brookville.
Lancaster—Chas S. Ferrier, Lancaster.
Lancaster City—Wm. Long.
Lancaster County—Jos. Konigmacher.
Lebanon—John A. Weidman.
Lehigh—Aug. L. Rubio, Allentown.
Lycoming—G. B. Manly.
Mercer—Saml. Sample, Newcastle, P. O.
Mifflin—Revel D. Smith, Lewistown.
Philadelphia Co—T. W. Duffield, Frankford.
Philadelphia City—Geo. P. Little.
Perry—John W. Bowman, Newport.
Pittsburg—C. Darragh.
Schuylkill—Wm. M. Mann, Pottsville.
Somerset—John F. Kimmel.
Union—John Wolf.
Venango—L. D. Reno.
Washington—Robert Wylie.
Wayne—Col R. L. Seely.
Westmoreland—Col. J. D. Mathiot, Fairfield.
York—John Bayer.

On motion of Mr. Richards, of Berks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Committee of Arrangement of Pittsburgh, for their successful exertions in contributing to the comfort and accommodation of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Duffield, of Philadelphia county.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the trustees and officers of the Second Reform Church, for the use of same; and to Mr. Faber, of Alleghany, for the privilege of assembling at his residence.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention was awarded by acclamation to the speakers who addressed it.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention was extended to its officers, for the efficient discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That the proceedings be published in all the Whig papers throughout the State, and signed by the officers.

Adjourned sine die.

Meeting at Hunterstown.

A large and highly respectable meeting of the friends of JOSEPH RITNER and the Supremacy of the Laws was held at the house of Mr. Sowbauer, in Hunterstown, on Saturday, September 8, 1838. The meeting was organized by appointing Mr. FREDERICK SHOLL, President; Messrs. BENJAMIN HOFFMAN and ROBERT KING Vice-Presidents; and *David M'Murrie* and *Robert M'Illheny* Secretaries.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered and, after appropriate addresses by Messrs. STEVENS, CASSAT, COOPER and M'CONAUGHY, unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, it is the inherent, as well as Constitutional right of the People to assemble and consult for their welfare, and to canvass and consider the political principles, qualifications and moral character of all candidates for office who claim or solicit their suffrages; and whereas it is the duty of the people to support no man for office who cannot from his talents and integrity already manifested, and his great moral character be relied and appreciated, furnish security that he will efficiently and faithfully discharge his official duties; and whereas JOSEPH RITNER and DAVID R. PORTER are now the opposing candidates before the people for the office of Chief Magistrate of Pennsylvania—Therefore,

Resolved, That from an impartial contrast of the moral and political characters of the two candidates, we feel constrained, in a deliberate judgment, to give a decided preference to JOSEPH RITNER, and will therefore give him our support.

Because, he has, in all his public acts, shown that he is a Pennsylvanian in principle, as well as by birth and habit, and that he is a warm friend and advocate of all her great leading interests.

Because, he has been a working man, a farmer, and well understands and feels for the interest of that class of his fellow citizens; and has, from a poor and obscure condition, raised himself by his industry, good conduct and prudent management, to the highest office in the gift of the people.

Resolved, That Joseph Ritner entitles and has our entire confidence as a man and as a Governor of the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That we have no confidence in David R. Porter, and cannot vote for him.

Because, although occupying for several years a seat in the Legislature with a fair opportunity to render himself useful, yet we do not know of a single public act of his indicating talents or capacity adequate to the arduous duties of Chief Magistrate, nor do we know of a single trait in his whole character, that gives any promise (if he should be elected) that he will administer the executive duties with either credit to himself, or advantage to the state.

Resolved, That, in view of all the circumstances of his case, we consider it an insult to the moral part of the community to offer and press such a man as a candidate for the office he aspires to.

Resolved, That we cannot support David R. Porter, because he is a Mason.

Resolved, That no one should vote for David R. Porter on account of his connection with the Sub Treasury scheme, and all the wild and foolish projects and experiments so gratuitously projected in and the greater injury of the people.

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Resolved That the election of Joseph Ritner will prostrate the last hopes of Martin Van Buren and his notoriously corrupt and incompetent minions and companions in power.

Resolved, that we will use all fair and honorable means to carry out the foregoing views at the election in October next.

Resolved, that the moral character of Porter is grossly bad, he having been guilty of fraudulent insolvency, which has been most conclusively proved by the testimony of the Stonebraker and James Allison *his own Attorney!*

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Great Meeting at Hampton!

In pursuance of public notice, a very large and respectable meeting of the friends of Ritner, the Constitution and Laws was held at the house of Mr. Albert, in Hampton, on Monday the 10th day of September, 1838.

Mr. WILLIAM LONG was called to the Chair, and Messrs. JOHN BOSSERMAN, JOHN MYERS, MICHAEL HAYNES and JACOB REITZELL appointed Vice-Presidents, and Messrs. *Joseph Carl* and *Moses Neely* Secretaries.

After the organization of the meeting, the following resolutions were read, and after some highly interesting remarks by Messrs. *Stevens*, *Cooper*, *M'Conaughy* and others, unanimously adopted—viz:

Resolved, That we have full confidence in the talents and integrity of our fellow citizen JOSEPH RITNER, the present Chief magistrate of this Commonwealth.

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Resolved, That we will support Joseph Ritner for re-election, because he is an honest man, and an honest Governor.

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Resolved, That the Van Buren party have betrayed a want of confidence in the justness of their cause; the correctness of their political principles, and the competency and honesty of their candidate, *by refusing to avail themselves of the invitation*, which was respectfully tendered to them to meet us upon this and similar occasions, to discuss those principles and examine the qualifications, political and moral, of David R Porter.

Resolved, That we will vote for and support the Old Constitution under which we have lived so happily up to this time.

Resolved, That we will oppose the New Constitution, least our property and the titles to our land be taken away from us by the Old Constitution.

Resolved, That we will oppose the "Amendments" to the Constitution, because they destroy the independence of the Judiciary.

Because they abridge the Poor man's right of suffrage by allowing *none to vote who has not resided ten days in the election district, although born a citizen of the State*, thereby oppressing laborers and journeymen mechanics to an unreasonable degree.

Because they unsettle all law and allow the Constitution to be changed every year.

Because *native born* citizens are to have no human rights, either of personal liberty or the liberty of conscience, if the Old Constitution is destroyed.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published.

[*Signed by the Officers.*

Changes in Favor of Ritner.

Make Way for Adams!

We a day or two since copied into our columns an address from FORTY-THREE GERMANS OF BEAVER, who had abandoned the Loco Foco ranks, and taken ground for the Old Wagoner. We also gave the address of SIXTY of the freemen of NORTHUMBERLAND, who had pursued a similar course; these sixty hailing from precincts of the little borough of Milton, which polls but about 220 votes! We also gave the signatures of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY VOTERS in SUSQUEHANNA, heretofore opposed to, but now determined to vote for, the Washington County Farmer. In addition to these, we added TWENTY-SEVEN friends of Wolf and Muhlenburg in ERIE, also decided in their attachment to the present incumbent of the executive chair. We point to these as a few of the indications of popular sentiment on the political principles, qualifications and moral character of all candidates for office who claim or solicit their suffrages; and submit it to the duty of the people to support no man for office who cannot from his talents and integrity already manifested, and his great moral character be relied and appreciated, furnish security that he will efficiently and faithfully discharge his official duties; and whereas JOSEPH RITNER and DAVID R. PORTER are now the opposing candidates before the people for the office of Chief Magistrate of Pennsylvania—Therefore,

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Resolved, That the Van Buren party have betrayed a want of confidence in the justness of their cause; the correctness of their political principles, and the competency and honesty of their candidate, *by refusing to avail themselves of the invitation*, which was respectfully tendered to them to meet us upon this and similar occasions, to discuss those principles and examine the qualifications, political and moral, of David R Porter.

Resolved, That we will vote for and support the Old Constitution under which we have lived so happily up to this time.

Resolved, That we will oppose the New Constitution, least our property and the titles to our land be taken away from us by the Old Constitution.

Resolved, That we will oppose the "Amendments" to the Constitution, because they destroy the independence of the Judiciary.

Because they abridge the Poor man's right of suffrage by allowing *none to vote who has not resided ten days in the election district, although born a citizen of the State*, thereby oppressing laborers and journeymen mechanics to an unreasonable degree.

Because they unsettle all law and allow the Constitution to be changed every year.

Because *native born* citizens are to have no human rights, either of personal liberty or the liberty of conscience, if the Old Constitution is destroyed.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published.

[*Signed by the Officers.*

GETTYSBURG STAR

GETTYSBURG, PA.
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1838.

DEMOCRATIC ANTI-MASONIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR,
JOSEPH RITNER.
FOR CONGRESS,
JAMES COOPER.
ASSEMBLY,
THADDEUS STEVENS,
CHARLES KETTLEWELL.
COMMISSIONER,
DANIEL DIEHL.
AUDITOR,
JOHN G. MORNINGSTAR.
DIRECTOR OF THE POOR,
PETER TROSTLE.

A CARD.

Capt. BAKER, on behalf of the "Millerstown Troop," respectfully tenders thanks to the officers and Members of the "Gettysburg Guards," the Committee of arrangements for the late Encampment, as well as to the Citizens of the Borough generally, for the kindness and gentlemanly treatment extended to them during their late visit and sojourn amongst them.

September 15, 1838.

Our Ticket.

☞Our ticket is now complete, the Conferees from Franklin and Adams having agreed to the nomination of JAMES COOPER, Esq.

From the Governor to Director, our ticket is composed of highly valuable and efficient men.—They are HONEST and CONSERVATIVE, and should be elected by a tremendous majority. Franklin will give us 500 of a majority. Let us give 1500, to make it "even up" at 2,000.

Committees of Vigilance.

☞We have received Committees from all the Townships except Cumberland, Conowago and Latimore. Will the Delegates to the late County Convention from those districts forward us Committees forthwith! We wish to publish the whole number in our next.

State Convention.

☞To the exclusion of a variety of matter in type, we insert the proceedings of the State Convention which met at Pittsburg on the 5th inst. The proceedings, however, of that patriotic body will well repay the room they occupy.

Public Meetings.

☞We ask attention to calls in another column for District and County meetings. We trust that those meetings will be numerously attended. We are glad that respectful invitations have been extended to our Loco Foco friends. We hopethey will attend those meetings, and defend their principles and candidates before their opponents. They should receive every attention and respectful treatment.

Caught at Last!

BE ON THE GROUND!

☞The Fox has been caught at last! Let all the Whigs be on the ground in Franklin township, ON SATURDAY NEXT. The Partizettes have been cornered, and the Farmers, Mechanics and Laborers are invited to see *how* they will creep and slink from the Whig parties MEET AT BAILEY'S ON SATURDAY NEXT!

Inspectors' Election.

☞NEXT FRIDAY WEEK (the 28th inst.) is the day for electing Inspectors. We trust that our friends everywhere will be wide awake and suffer no one to be elected who is in favor of the Masonic Sub-Treasury candidate for Governor. We believe with proper care and good management, the friends of the Farmer Governor can elect Inspectors in every Ward and Township of the County. We hope they will do so. It is important that honest and competent men should be elected to this highly important office. Remember, then, and turn out on FRIDAY WEEK NEXT.

Important Election Law.

☞In the laws of the last session of the Legislature, page 508, the following important law may be found. We invite attention to it.

«Certain officers of State and of the United States prohibited from holding certain offices at elections.

"That no inspector, judge or other officer of any election, shall be eligible to any office at such election, nor shall any person, holding an office under the general or state government, be an inspector, judge or other officer at any such election, nor shall any person holding an office under the U. States be allowed to serve as a member of the councils, commissioner of a district, or burgess."

Failures! Failures!

☞The Loco Focos determined to astonish the natives, and really they have! They called two «*Spontaneous*" assemblages—one at Pittsburg and the other at Reading—on the 10th inst. We have as yet no official account of what was done at Pittsburg, but learn that it was a complete failure! And from the subjoined article, it will be seen that the one which was held at "Old Berks" *right*, turned out also to be a failure! They should have found that their denunciations of our "Dutch Governor" did them no good in that German region! The Adams county Delegates have, we learn, they came home each with a fly in their Reading dust! At least they wear most fearful contenances!

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Correspondence of the United States Gazette.

READING, half past 12, P. M.
Sept. 10th, 1838.

Dear Sir,—The die is cast, even if the struggle is not over, and Ritner must be re-elected. This day, "big with fate," the day that was to have overwhelmed us, is here—and so is the Porter Convention. For several weeks all have been activity amongst them to make an imposing show—3000 delegates were appointed by them for this county alone. *Poor old Berks.*

At about eleven this morning they collected in all their might, and placed in a convenient situation, I counted, as I hastily believe, every man—the result is only 1319, I cept given for money withheld from his creditors when he took the benefit is brought to light, and we publish it to-day *a fac simile* of his hand-writing. There is therefore no longer any doubt on this subject, and Porter stands CONDEMNED BY HIS OWN ACT!! To what expedient will the loco focos now resort? Will they calumniate their candidate for slandering his own character? Or will they "refuse of lies" will they betake themselves? "We shall see," as the blind man said.—*York Republican.*

A Few Things to be Explained.

Here are a few little matters that the Porter men ought to explain, before they ask any honest man to vote for their candidate:

From the Huntingdon Advocate and Sentinel, a Porter paper.

"Old John Stonebraker swears that he never received one cent of the last bond of Kiddo and Russell. While a statement furnished by James Allison, Esq. now in our possession, shows that he received of that bond, one hundred and sixty two dollars and ninety three cents."

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"Since the foregoing was in type, we have received the report of John Stonebraker to James Allison, for the $162 93 on the last bond, and *on which he has sworn that he never received one cent.*"

From Mr. Allison's Statement.

"Not long after Mr. Porter was released, he called on me, and I gave into his hands the obligations and deed, except such as I had received the money for of Mr. Allison, and the bond of three hundred and forty three dollars, which having been left in the hands of Allison as security, I did not have, but he said he would procure it and send it to order, some time after, from Mr. Allison; about which time, in the presence of David R. Porter, and at this request, I assigned it to George Dunn, Esq. on which bond I never received one cent."

From Mr. Allison's Statement.

Mr. Stonebraker then proposed to leave with me, *as security and for collection*, notes and bonds to the amount of $3343, and sold for $343, bearing date at the same time as the others, and payable to David R. Porter on the first of April, 1823, and assigned by him to John Stonebraker, by endorsement, bearing date the 9th day of January, 1819. To Mr. Stonebraker's proposition I acceded, and paid him the money then in hand. Some time afterwards, Mr. Owens having received a considerable payment from Kiddo and Russel, got the last mentioned bond on the order of Mr. Stonebraker. The same bond was sold the first of May, 1823, assigned by Mr. Stonebraker to Geo. Davis, Esq. who placed it in my hands for collection.

Copy of a receipt, the original of which is in the hands of Robert Campbell, Esq. of Huntingdon.

Let the Huntingdon Advocate make good its declaration if it can. Let it publish that receipt of which it speaks, and that "statement furnished by James Allison, Esq. and now in its possession." The statement of John Stonebraker, supported by the united testimony of James Allison and *David R. Porter*, is not to be shaken by the naked assertion of that paper. And then, after all that is done, let the supporters of David R. Porter explain how he, as an honest man, could receive money on a bond dated Dec. 7, 1818, after having, in February 1819, appealed to the Sencrher of all hearts that he had not kept back any part of his possessions from his creditors. His own receipt proves his guilt; John Stonebraker's statement only shows the modus operandi.

We tell the Porter men, that if they can give a satisfactory explanation of these things, it will be of more service to them than all the hickory trees in Pennsylvania.

Another trick of the Porterites!

The Porter papers are circulating an address purporting to come from anti-masons, having ninety names attached to it, all of whom represent themselves as anti-masons, who formerly supported Joseph Ritner, because of his anti-masonry, but will now support him because they have discovered that Ritner is more of a mason than D. R. Porter, who is the highest officer of that society in the State. This address has been got up for the evident purpose of deceiving those in the State, who are conscientiously opposed to free masonry. But can they be deceived by such a shallow device? We question not. All any anti-mason in Pennsylvania, whose vote is influenced by opposition to masonry, can be made to believe that D. R. Porter is more of an anti mason than Joseph Ritner, we are willing that he should vote for the former.

That our readers may form some idea of the kind of *anti-masons* these men are, whose names are attached to this appeal to the anti-masons of the State, we will state the fact that there are eight by the name of *Seitzinger*, twelve one of whom *supported* Henry A. Muhlenberg, *at the last election*, and some of them *have been proven to be* MASONS—MEMBERS OF LODGES OF THIS STATE. This is the kind of anti-masons who appeal to that order of partizans of this State, and ask them to support the Royal Arch Grand Master of the State, David R. Porter.