ary movements,the lesson will be invaluable, and the present disgrace productive of lasting benefit. But if a repetition of the outrage is to be countenanced and encouraged to come the rule of legislation, then it requires little political sagacity to foretell the speedy downfall of our liberty, and the complete prostration of all rights. The despotism which enters a legislative Hall to day with his bullies, to compel the admission of a particular member, will assuredly, and perhaps on the morrow demand the passage of a law to promote his private interest at the expense of others. Nor will it be long before he uses the same means in a court of justice, to escape punishment or cheat his neighbor.—Then the difference between guilt and innocence,the value of title deeds,and the sacredness of all rights,will be only nominal Might will be right; and the minority and the tools of slaves.

The evil effects of the late disorder will, I fear, be immediately felt in the approaching credit of the commonwealth, unless you,her representatives,act promptly and efficiently. Well may capitalists and creditors doubt the faith of a community in these, when that community is faithless to its own dearest rights. It therefore becomes your imperative duty, gentlemen, not only to your posterity and majesty of the laws, but to yourselves and your own immediate interests, to say to the world that similar outrages shall not again take place, and that what has happened is the work of only a few desperate men, and not of the people of this great state.

This, it seems to me, can be accomplished by the enactment of severe laws against all riotous or violent proceedings at the seat of government during the session of the legislature, and by compelling the county or counties, whose citizens shall be originators or ringleaders of such proceedings, to pay all the loss caused by them and expense incurred in their suppression.

It will also be proper to revise the acts of Assembly relative to election returns,and to render the mode of making them so plain that no one can misunderstand or evade them. In their existing shape, there is some difficulty in arriving at the true intent of the legislature. In the present case, I have not the slightest doubt but that the duties of the proper executive officer, with regard to the disputed returns, was legally and faithfully performed. But the subject is one of such vital importance that the law should be rendered perfectly plain and every shadow of doubt removed.

I am clear in the opinion that the whole of the late difficulties arose from the return judges assuming powers never intended to be delegated to them. They are merely ministerial officers. Their duty is only clerical, and consists only in adding up and declaring the whole vote polled for each candidate within their district,and making return thereof to the proper officer. The law gives them no power to reject or exclude the vote of a district,or part of a district. It is from the unauthorized assumption of such dangerous power,that the whole of the recent disturbances proceeded. I would, therefore, recommend the infliction hereafter of the most severe penalties on similar usurpations.

I shall now proceed to lay before you the message as it was prepared to be transmitted on the 4th inst.

Many subjects of great interest will occupy the time of the Legislature at its present session.

The radical alterations which have taken place in the Constitution,impose duties that will necessarily claim your first attention.—

The people of the commonwealth,in whom is the duty of representatives to carry out and perfect its details.

Of prominent moment among the new features in our organic law is that which relates to the right of suffrage. It consists in, a residence of *one* instead of *two* years within the State; of *ten* days actual residence within the District in which the elector offers to vote, (which was not required formerly,) and of the payment within two years, of a tax duly assessed at least ten days before the election. There are also other changes, chiefly declaratory of passages in the old Constitution which were of doubtful expression, or of loose enactment, and which do not require recapitulation.

For years much abuse and evasion of the Constitutional provisions, rate or tax relative to voting, have been supposed by many citizens to exist. The present occasion will afford an opportunity to guard, as far as it can be done, this inestimable right from violation. Another reason now demands more strict and specific Legislation. The number of officers to be directly chosen by the people will give to the elections more of interest, and to each individual vote more of present and local value than they formerly possessed; and will consequently subject the power of the individual voter, which has now, in a great measure, become the direct appointing power, to greater danger from fraud and malpractice than heretofore, when its influence was more remote.

Under these circumstances it is a first duty of the Legislature to form such a code of Laws for the regulation of elections, as will cause their results to be known and respected as the honestly expressed will of the majority, and also to place around them such guards as shall completely preserve peace and order during their progress.

Both these desirable objects may be accomplished by defining and establishing, beyond cavil or evasion, the evidence of those qualifications required by the Constitution, to be possessed by every elector, and by ensuring the punishment of all violators of the peace at Elections.

Two qualifications in addition to *citizenship*, (which is as heretofore,) entitled to a vote. 1st *Residence*. 2nd the payment of a State or county *Tax*. The Constitution, at provisions with regard to neither can be charged nor affected by the Legislature; but the mode of establishing the fact that these qualifications are really possessed, in other words the *evidence*, can

I would propose then that *general* residence in the State for, and during one year next before the day of Election, may be proved, as heretofore, by the oath of the party offering to vote, if there be any doubt on the subject. This mode must necessarily be relied on, or the voter be perhaps debarred of his right, for in many cases he might not be able to offer any other proof. But that the *particular* residence for ten days, if doubted by any qualified citizen of the District, shall be established by the oath or affirmation of a resident Taxable citizen of the District, who shall have already voted at that election, and not by the oath, or affirmation, of the party himself: and that he on the result of any objection being made on that day; and if he admit that he is, or if he decline to answer, then to refuse such person his vote, and to cause the clerks of the election to make a minute thereof on the list of voters.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE CARRIER'S ADDRESS
TO THE PATRONS OF THE
STAR & REPUBLICAN BANNER.
January 1, 1839.

Once more the nimble footed Hours,
Have whirl'd the Car of Time along:
A passenger in it I come
To greet you with my New Year's song;
Though young the minstrel, rude his lay,
Ungueden'd sound him not away.

I s'pose you've heard the latest news,
'Tis strange and almost past believing—
That pink'd by conscience for their sins,
They lose still some few are found
In this most highly favor'd region.
I know them, but it might appear
Invidious to name them here.

Enough of this—I had design'd
To weave a theme of lovers other theme:
To moralize on human life,
In visions and its airy dream:
How Joy and Sorrow sisters are
To them born, and near allied to Care.

This Life's at best a cheque'r'd scene
Of Pains and Pleasures, Hopes and Fears;
And often smiles of rapture beam
From eyes that glisten yet with tears!
Change and Succession is I wot,
Of humankind the common lot.

Hence learn we wisely to improve
Each passing moment as it flies:
Life is a flower of transient growth,
Alas! even whilst it blooms it dies!
Time's ever hurrying stream rolls swiftly by
To swell the abyss of Eternity!

Kind patrons! Should you condescend
To smile on and reward my strain,
I'll do my best, if life is spar'd
To rhyme for you next year again:
Meantime, that you may life and health enjoy
So most sincerely prays the

CARRIER BOY.

County Convention.

The Delegates from the several Townships in the County of Adams, appointed to choose three Conferees to nominate a candidate for the Senate of Pa. in the room of Jacob Cassatt, Esq. deceased, met in the Court House in Gettysburg, on Friday the 4th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M., when the following named Delegates appeared and took their seats.

Borough.—B. Gilbert, A. B. Kurtz.

Cumberland.—Andrew Walker, Wm. Hamilton

Straban.—John Dickson, Esq. Saml. F. Neeley.

Tyrone.—Wm. Yeates, Saml. Sadler.

Menallen.—Philip Beamer, John Burkholder.

Franklin.—Daniel Mickley, Col J. D. Paxton.

Huntington.—Thomas Stephens, John L. Sadler.

Hamiltonban.—Joseph Baughor, Geo. Irwin.

Liberty.—Maxwell Shield, Joseph Hunter.

Freedom.—James Cunningham, Esq. N. M. Har per.

Mt's Joy.—Jesse D. Newman, Geo. R. Hoffman.

Germany.—Alfred Cole, Andrew Little.

Mt's Pleasant.—James Lockart, jr. A. M'Ilwaine.

Reading.—Wm. Jones, Benjamin Meloon.

Hamilton.—Dr. G. L. Fauss, John Picking.

Latimore.—Caleb Beales.

Berwick.—Peter Diehl, Henry Gitt.

Conowago.—J. A. Gubenator, John G. Morningstar.

Convention having organized of adpoint ing JOHN DICKSON, Esq. Chairman, and *John L. Gubenator*, Esq. Secretary, they proceeded to nominate Conferees to meet those from the Counties of Franklin and Cumberland at Shippensburg, on Monday the 7th inst. which resulted in the choice of Col. J. D. Paxton, James A. Thompson and Peter Diehl.

On motion of A. B. Kurtz, the Chairman appointed B. Gilbert, A. B. Kurtz, and Peter Diehl, to wait upon the Editors of our papers to stay their papers till such time as to enable them to announce the result of the meeting of Conferees.

On motion, Resolved, that the Conferees here present to fill vacancies.

JOHN F. M'FARLANE, was nominated as the Candidate for Senator.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, an election is about to take place, which is the first that will occur, since the Constitution and Laws have been violated and trampled upon, and whereas, them, rendered successful by the timidity and treachery of pretended friends; therefore

Resolved, That the questions, submitted to the people of this District, at the coming election, are, *do you approve of the mob which drove the Legislature from the Capitol?* Do you approve of the conduct of those Senators, who for money, or through fear, betrayed their friends—violated their oaths—sanctified the proceedings of the mob—and gave the lie to the votes which they had given but five days before, when they declared that "the 'Hopkins House' *was not organized*, according to the Laws and Constitution of the Commonwealth?"

Resolved, That the Delegates to this Convention, after having carefully examined the facts, of which none of them were witnesses, are entirely satisfied that the House over which *Thomas S. Cunningham* was elected Speaker, *was legally and constitutionally organized*;

Resolved, That the Assembly,over which *William Hopkins* was elected *Speaker,was not legally and constitutionally organized*; and that the conduct of a majority of the Senate, in declaring it to be so, was a more fatal stroke to Constitutional Liberty, than all the outrages perpetrated by the mob.

Resolved, That while those Senators who, at one and the same time, betrayed their friends and committed treason against the Constitution of the Commonwealth, are entitled to the execration and scorn of honest man; those who remained firm in the discharge of their duties, are entitled to our unfailing gratitude and respect.

Resolved, That the conduct of our own Representative Thaddeus Stevens, Esq. and those who acted with him, during the reign of anarchy, which we fear is not soon to end, is such as we expected—firm,nobler and disinterested.

Resolved, That we fully approve of his conduct and that of those who acted with him,and believe that if a similar course had been pursued by all, disgrace and ruin would not have come upon the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That our late Representative in the State Senate, Jacob Cassatt, Esq. died nobly contending for the honor and dignity of the State.

Resolved, That we ask of our constituents to ponder upon the questions submitted to them, and to answer them at the polls on the 15th inst. as freemen ought.

Resolved, That we will support no man for the office of Senator to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of JACOB CASSAT, Esq. who is an advocate of the law of force, and opposed to the peaceful and proper remedy prescribed by the Constitution and the laws in all cases whatsoever.

Resolved, That we have the most entire confidence in the honesty, ability and incontestible integrity of JOHN F. M'FARLANE, and that *his dearest rights* are the mercy and dictation of a lawless mob and the encroachments of the Federal Government.

Resolved, That we, the Roman firmness of our talented and patriotic Senator, the Hon. CHARLES S. PENROSE, Esq. and his associates who so noble stood by him against the violence of the mob, and who whilst we cannot too deeply condemn the perfidious and suicidal course pursued by those cowardly Slaves who would sap the foundation of an hallowed and time-honored Institutions and erect a despotism upon their ruins,

On motion, Resolved, That the proceedings be signed by the officers, and published.

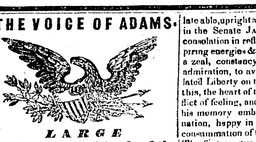
JOHN DICKSON, Pres't.
JOHN L. GUBENATOR, Sec'y.

To all Concerned.

THE subscriber informs those indebted to him for Subscription, Job Work, &c. that he will be in Gettysburg *at the January Court*, when he will be obliged to them if they would call and make settlement with him.

ROBERT W. MIDDLETON.
January 8, 1839. 3t-41

THE VOICE OF ADAMS.



LARGE
Meeting of the friends of the Constitution and Laws.

Agreeable to Public Notice a large and respectable meeting of the Citizens of Adams county, friendly to the Constitution and Laws, met at the Court House, on Friday the 4th inst. The meeting was organized by calling John Dickson, Esq. to the chair.

PRESIDENT
JOHN DICKSON, ESQ.
VICE PRESIDENTS
HENRY GITT,
PETER RULICK,
JOHN BROUGH,
JAMES CUNNINGHAM, Esq.
JOHN SADLER, Sen.
CALEB BEALES,
NICHOLAS BUSHEY, Esq.
ROBERT M'CREARY,
THOMAS STEPHENS,
VICTOR M'ILHENY,
ANDREW WALKER,
JAMES SMITH,
WM. YEATTS,
GEO. IRWIN,
WM. SADLER,
ABRAHAM KING, Esq.
SECRETARIES
J. G. Morningstar, Esq.
John Picking,
Robert M'Ilheny,
Maxwell Shields,
Peter Diehl,
Capt. Wm. Jones,
Alfred Cole,
Wm. Bell,
John Brinkerhoff,
Joseph Hunter,
Andrew Lowe.
James Ewing.

The meeting was then addressed by DANIEL M. SMYSER, Esq. who stated the object of the meeting. And on his motion, a committee of Twenty-six was appointed by the chair to report Resolutions for the consideration of the meeting, and also an Address to the citizens of the County. The following were appointed on said Committee, viz:

Daniel M. Smyser, Esq. Samuel Neely, Capt. John Walter, Daniel Comfort, Sam'l Sadler, Capt. Andrew Little, John Larimer, John L. Sadler, J. D. Newman, John L. Gubernator, Esq. John Cleveland, R. F. M'Connaghy, Esq. James Lockart, jr. John Mickley, jr. Jacob Weldy, James Renshaw, Dr. G. L. Fauss, Geo. Deardoff, Col. J. D. Paxton, Robert Smyser, Esq. Reuben Heintzelman, Geo. R. Hoffman, Henry Brinkerhoff, Capt. Wm. M'Gaughy, J. King Wilson, James Morrison.

During the absence of the Committee, the meeting was addressed by JAMES COOPER, Esq.

The Committee through their chairman D M Smyser, reported the following resolutions and address.

Resolved, That the citizens of this County have seen with regret and alarm propensities tonate to the magnitude of the crime, and the triumph of a stipendiary and lawless mob led on and instigated by reckless polit ical desperadoes from the counties of Adams, Philadelphia, and elsewhere,to overthrow the Laws and Constitution of the State,and the sanctity and inviolability of the Legislative bodies

Resolved, That the example, now for the first time presented in the history of the country of the Legislative bodies controlled in their acts of Legislation by a mobthreatening assassination and outrage,and violently expelled from their Halls, is a precedent of the most alarming and dangerous tendency—an invasion of the most sacred rights of the whole people—a violation of the most enlightened principles of our free and happy form of government. We therefore declare it as our irresponsible power reties its claims or violence alone, for the regularly and legally delegated sovereignty of the people.

Resolved, That we represent the late scenes of violence at the seat of government, as a mere collision of party interests,and a struggle between the claims and delegated rights of individuals, is a gross perversion of truth, and falls far short of the fearfully important issue involved—an issue between violence and treason on the one side and order and law on the other, upon the decision of which must depend the fate of Liberty in this Country.

Resolved, That we have learned with sorrow and shame, that some of the citizens of this County, were actively engaged in the late disgraceful transactions—thereby doing their best to bring disgrace and ruin upon all that is most dear and precious to the heart of the patriot.

Resolved, That we avow ourselves as we have ever been, the friends of the Laws supremacy, and will continue our best efforts to restore and maintain it, undismayed by the fearful anarchy and treachery which our country has suffered from the efforts of a few daring men, who acted with our friends in the organization This, however, was a trivial blow of no importance, except to show the fearful extent to which anarchy had progressed to the progress of misrule and anarchy, by our talented and distinguish-ed fellow citizens. Whose services in the conduct of the counsels of the nation will long live embalmed in the hearts of our freeds were made sack by its procrastination—and until the threats and bribes of the enemy had ceased to be the intention of three