

Political

Letters of acceptance of Messrs. Lincoln and Hamlin.

The following is the correspondence between the officers of the Republican National Convention and the candidates...

Chicago, May 16, 1860. To the Hon. ABRAHAM LINCOLN of Illinois. Sir: The representatives of the Republican party of the United States, assembled in Convention at Chicago, have, this day, by a unanimous vote, selected you as the Republican candidate for the office of President of the United States...

In the performance of this agreeable duty we take leave to add our confident assurances that the nomination of the Chicago Convention will be ratified by the suffrages of the people.

We have the honor to be, with great respect and regard, your friends and fellow-citizens.

GEORGE ASHmun, of Massachusetts. President of the Convention. Wm. M. F. Davis, N. Y. Joel Bunting, Jr., N. Y. Edwin Marsh, N. Y. George W. Wells, Conn. D. K. Carter, Ohio. C. F. Schurz, Wis. J. F. Simmons, R. I. John W. North, Minn. Geo. J. Blakey, Ky. Peter P. Washburn, Vt. E. H. Rollins, N. H. Francis S. Corkun, Md.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 23, 1860. Hon. GEORGE ASHmun. President of the Republican National Convention.

Sir: I accept the nomination tendered me by the Convention over which you presided, and of which I am formally apprized in the letter of yourself and others, acting as a Committee of the Convention, for that purpose.

The declaration of principles and sentiments, which accompanies your letter, meets my approval; and it shall be my care not to violate, or disregard it, in any part.

Implored the assistance of Divine Providence; and with due regard to the views and feelings of all who were represented in the Convention; to the rights of all the States, and Territories, and people of the nation; to the inviolability of the Constitution, and the perpetual union, harmony and prosperity of all, I am most happy to cooperate for the practical success of the principles declared by the Convention.

Your obliged friend and fellow-citizen, ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

A similar letter was sent to the nominee for the Vice-Presidency, to which the following is the reply:

WASHINGTON, May 30, 1860. GENTLEMEN: Your official communication of the 18th instant, informing me that the representatives of the Republican party of the United States, assembled at Chicago, on that day, had, by a unanimous vote, selected me as their candidate for the office of Vice-President of the United States, has been received, together with the resolutions adopted by the Convention as its declaration of principles.

These resolutions associate clearly and forcibly the principles which unite us, and the objects proposed to be accomplished. They address themselves to all, and there is neither necessity nor propriety in my entering upon a discussion of any of them. They have the approval of my judgment, and in any action of mine will be faithfully and cordially sustained.

I am profoundly grateful to those with whom it is my pride and pleasure politically to cooperate, for the nomination so unexpectedly conferred; and I desire to tender through you, to the members of the Convention, my sincere thanks for the confidence thus reposed in me. Should the nomination, which I now accept, be ratified by the people, and the duties devolve upon me of presiding over the Senate of the United States, it will be my earnest endeavor faithfully to discharge them with a just regard for the rights of all.

It is to be observed, in connection with the doings of the Republican Convention, that a paramount object with us is to preserve the normal condition of our territorial domain as homes for free men. The able advocate and defender of Republican principles, whom you have nominated for the highest place that can gratify the ambition of man, comes from a State which has been made what it is, by special action in that respect, of the wise and good men who founded our institutions. The rights of free labor have there been vindicated and maintained. The thrift and enterprise which so distinguish Illinois, one of the most flourishing States of the glorious West, we would see secured to all the Territories of the Union; and restore peace and harmony to the whole country, by bringing back the Government to what it was under the wise and patriotic men who created it. If the Republicans shall succeed in this object, as they hope to, they will be held in grateful remembrance by the busy and teeming millions of future ages. I am, very truly yours, H. HAMLIN.

The Hon. GEORGE ASHmun, President of the Convention, and others of the Committee.

Now Horatio Seymour has published a letter withdrawing his name as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

The Cincinnati Gazette says that Cassius M. Clay won another victory for free speech, and struck a good blow in behalf of Republicanism at Richmond, Ky., the county seat of Madison County, on the 4th inst. This was the day of the opening of the County Court, and a large number of people was of course present from the surrounding country. Mr. Clay had publicly announced through both the papers issued at Richmond that he intended to speak on this occasion, and the subject was much canvassed in the streets. The more violent portion of the Revolutionary Committee, we learn, was for silencing him. At 1 o'clock p. m. the large Court-House was packed to its utmost capacity. Mr. Clay took up the Republican platform and read it, making no allusion to the mob, but going on to vindicate the principles laid down in that platform. Finding him prudent enough to avoid any mention of the mob, one of the most violent of them declared that Mr. Clay should be 'shot through the head.' Mr. C. said he claimed the same equal rights as we allowed other parties, and that he would stand or fall there! The clamor against him continued, but the great mass cried 'Go on!' Mr. Clay then said: 'Gentlemen, I see what you are after. If nothing but a light will do you, we are ready for you. Now try it. Shall I speak, citizens, or not?' 'Yes, yes, go on!' was the response from the great majority of the crowd. A dozen voices cried out, 'No! no! To which Mr. C. replied, 'Then go out!' [great applause] 'don't want to hear!' And they went out, completely foiled in their feeble attempt at assassination. Mr. Clay made a strong speech, which told with great effect upon his large audience.

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