

GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention met at the Athæneum at 11 o'clock, yesterday morning, when Mr. Sumner, of New Hampshire, addressed the meeting as follows:

GENTLEMEN:—The proposition for calling a general convention of delegates, to act on the nomination of a candidate for President, and to select a suitable candidate for the office of Vice President of the United States, originated in the state of New Hampshire, by the friends of democracy in that state; and it appears that the proposition, although opposed by the enemies of the democratic party, has found favour in nearly and perhaps all the states in the Union; so that we find collected at this time and place a greater and a more general delegation from the people than was ever before assembled upon an occasion of this sort.

The object of the representatives of the people of New Hampshire who called this Convention was, not to impose on the people, as candidates for either of the two first offices in this government, any local favourite; but to concentrate the opinions of all the states. They believed that the great body of the people, having but one common interest, can and will unite, in the support of important principles; that the operation of the machinery of government confined within its legitimate sphere is the same, in the north, south, east, and west; that although designing men, ever since the adoption of the constitution, have never ceased in their exertions to excite sectional feeling and sectional interest, and to array one portion of the country against another, the great and essential interests of all are the same. They believed that the coming together of representatives of the people from the extremity of the Union, would have a tendency to soothe, if not to unite, the jarring interests, which sometimes come in conflict, from the different sections of the country.

They considered the individuals, who might be selected as candidates for office, to be of much less consequence than the principle on which they are designated; they thought it important to ascertain the fact, whether the people themselves, or those who would frustrate the voice of the people, should succeed in our elections.

They believed that the example of this convention would operate favourably in future elections; that the people would be disposed, after seeing the good effects of this convention in conciliating, the different and distant sections of the country, to continue this mode of nomination.—And for the purpose of leading to a proper organization of this assembly, I would propose that the Hon. Judge OVERTON, of Tennessee, officiate as chairman *pro tem*.

Mr. Eaton, of Tennessee, remarked that Judge Overton, although in town, was this morning confined to his room by indisposition.—He thanked the Convention, on behalf of the Tennessee delegation, for the honor that had been rendered to their venerable colleague, and concluded by moving that *Gen. Robert Lucas*, of Ohio, be substituted for Judge Overton, as Chairman *pro tem*. which motion was unanimously concurred in.

General Lucas, was accordingly conducted to the Chair, and returned thanks, in a brief and pertinent address.

On motion of *Mr. Burke*, of Ohio, *John A. Dix*, of New York, was appointed Secretary.

On motion of *Mr. Hubbard*, of New Hampshire,
it was

Resolved, That a committee of one from each State be appointed to report to the Convention the names of the Delegates in attendance.

The following persons were then named members of the said Committee, by their respective delegations:—

Maine.—John D. McCrate.

New Hampshire.—John Langdon Elwyn.

Massachusetts.—Ebenezer Sever.

Vermont.—Stephen Haight.

Connecticut.—John N. Niles.

Rhode Island.—Elisha R. Potter.

New York.—Azariah C. Flagg.

New Jersey.—Edward Condict.

Pennsylvania.—Simon Cameron.

Delaware.—George Read.

Maryland.—Upton S. Heath.

Virginia.—Philip N. Nicholas.

North Carolina.—William S. Williams.

South Carolina.—Daniel E. Huger.

Georgia.—Wylie Thompson.

Alabama.—Clement C. Clay.

Louisiana.—Henry Carleton.

Mississippi.—James C. Wilkins.

Tennessee.—John H. Eaton.

Kentucky.—Samuel Davis.

Ohio.—John H. Keith.

Indiana.—Samuel Milroy.

Illinois.—John M. Robinson.

The Convention then took a recess till 1 o'clock.

At 1 o'clock the convention re-assembled and was called to order by the President pro tem.

The committee appointed in the morning reported, that in the progress of their investigation a difficulty had presented itself, which they did not feel themselves authorized to settle, in relation to the admission of delegates to the convention from the District of Columbia, and concluded to report the facts of the case, with the opinion of the committee in relation to it. The proceedings of meeting was then read, which had been held at Alexandria, at which delegates were appointed to this convention, and the committee proposed that they should be admitted as members, under such regulations as the Convention should deem proper.

The names of the delegates were then read over in order by states, whereupon it was found that some of the names of delegates appointed from some of the states had been omitted.

The report of the committee was adopted, and then, on motion, it was resolved that the lists of the delegates be amended by the members of the convention, whose names were omitted in the report, severally applying to the Secretary, and having their names inserted.

A resolution proposed by the committee for the appointment of a committee to prepare rules for the government of the convention, the committee to consist of one delegate from each state, to be selected by each state Delegation, was then taken up and adopted, with directions to the committee to report this morning at 9 o'clock.

The following resolution, on motion of General Robert McAfee, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the venerable CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrolton, the only survivor of that devoted band of patriots who made and signed the Declaration of Independence, be invited to take a seat in this Convention, during its deliberations, and that a committee of three members be appointed to present this invitation.

In pursuance of which resolution the following persons were appointed by the chair to compose the committee, viz: Gen. McAfee, and Messrs. Fenner and Gherhart.

The Convention then adjourned till 9 o'clock this morning.

The Convention.—Owing to the room in the Athenæum, the place heretofore occupied on such occasions, being found to be quite too small for the accommodation of the Convention, the committee of arrangements have procured the Universalist Church, in St. Paul's Lane, about a square and a half north of the Athenæum, where the Convention will meet this morning.

The number of Delegates in attendance was about three hundred and forty. A full list of their names will be published as soon as it can be obtained.