

We have had occasion, in several numbers, to present this subject before the public, and especially, to invite the attention of the merchants of St. Louis, to it, and impress upon them the propriety and advantage of being represented in the Convention.

We now present them with extracts from several papers published in other States, that they may see the views entertained of the subject elsewhere, as well as its high importance to this section of the country, generally, and our commercial emporium in particular:

"In pursuance of a notice extensively circulated, a large and respectable number of the citizens of Georgia, of all political parties, assembled in the College Chapel, and after some consultation, the meeting was organized by calling Judge Clayton to the Chair, and appointing Dr. R. D. Moore, Secretary. The object of the meeting was then made known by the Chairman in his usual happy style, at the conclusion of which, Mr. Wm. Dearing moved that a committee be appointed to report forthwith, resolutions suitable to fulfil the objects of the meeting; which having passed, the chair appointed the following gentlemen to compose that committee, viz:—Wm. Dearing, Joseph H. Lumpkin, William Williams, Colonel James, Maj. Mitchell, Dr. Tinsley, and Col. Barnett.

The committee retired, and, after a short conference, returned with the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved, by this meeting,* That we, as Southern and South-western people, enjoy great and singular advantages in a commercial position, furnishing us we do, three-fourths of the whole exports of these United States, in the articles of cotton, rice and tobacco; and that we ought to be our own exporters and importers.

2. *Resolved,* That the present crisis affords the most favorable time to re-organize our commercial relations with Europe.

3. *Resolved,* That, to effect this great and important object, it is expedient to have at as early a day as possible, a convention of Southern and Southwestern merchants, and other gentlemen, to take under consideration the whole subject connected with our present and future interest.

4. *Resolved,* That we approve of the time and place appointed by a circular now issued, to wit: in Augusta, 3d Monday in October, having for its object, to bring the intelligent and enterprising citizens together in convention.

5. *Resolved,* That a committee of — be appointed from this meeting, to open a correspondence with the citizens of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky, requesting meetings to be held and delegates to be appointed to meet in convention at the time and place designated by the circular.

It being the wish of the meeting that the resolutions should be acted on separately, they were taken one by one, and all decided in the affirmative, by an overwhelming majority.

They were then acted on collectively and passed by the same majority. The chair then proceeded to appoint the committee designated in the 5th resolution, which consists of the following gentlemen, viz:—Wm. Dearing, Wm. Williams, Maj. Mitchell, and Wm. Baxter.

Maj. Mitchell moved that the chairman be added as chairman of this committee. The meeting then adjourned in perfect order.

A. S. CLAYTON, *President.*

R. D. MOORE, *Sec'y.*

CIRCULAR.

Sir: A crisis has arrived in the commercial affairs of the South and Southwest—A crisis of the most favorable that has occurred since the formation of the American Government, to attempt a new organization of our commercial relations with Europe. We ought to be our own importers and exporters, for the very best reason, that we furnish nearly all the articles of export in the great staples of cotton, rice and tobacco. This is a singular advantage for any people to enjoy. Yet, with all this in our favor, by nature, we employ the merchants of the northern cities as our agents in this business. They export our immensely valuable productions, and import our articles of consumption; and from this agency they derive a profit which has enriched them; and, as long as it continues, will enrich them at our expense. It has indeed either directly or indirectly made the whole of the North and Northwest what they are. It is time this unequal state of things should cease; that we should look to the natural advantages of our situation as Southern men, and take measures to secure to ourselves the full enjoyment of them.

Should your views accord with ours, we propose, respectfully that a Convention of Southern and Southwestern merchants be held in the city of Augusta, Ga., on the third Monday of October next, then and there to take into consideration the whole subject as it stands connected with our present and future interests.

We beg that you will not think lightly of this matter. It is a most important one, involving the interests of millions yet unborn.

We are, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

WM. DEARING, H. BOWDRE,

JAS. CAMAK, THOS. W. BAXTER,

ASBURY HULL, A. S. CLAYTON,

WILSON LUMPKIN,

From the Raleigh (N. C.) Star.

We publish below the Georgia Circular, promised in our last, proposing a convention of the States of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky and the Territory of Florida, to take into consideration the subject of *direct importations* by the South. We are gratified to perceive that the measure is generally approved by the leading journals of the South. It is no contracted party scheme, but one in which the whole Southern people are deeply interested; and it will certainly be taken up and zealously supported as a great SOUTHERN MEASURE by all parties.

The citizens of Charleston have already appointed delegates to this Convention. The people of this State cannot be so blind to their own interest as to remain neutral. Is it not time, then, that they were moving?

"*Now's the day and now's the hour.*" Let meetings be called in the different counties, *forthwith.* The commercial community, although all are deeply interested, are expected to take the lead in this matter.—The larger towns in the State are expected to move first. Let them meet and appoint delegates of the first influence and standing, without delay. We hope the city of Raleigh will be among the foremost to step forth and engage in this important work. Being the capital of the State, her proceedings will be looked to with deep interest. Let her citizens appoint a day and assemble as early as practicable to take the subject into consideration.

From the Jonesborough (Tenn.) Republican.

SOUTHERN CONVENTION OF MERCHANTS IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.—By the following extract from the Augusta Constitutionalist, our readers will perceive that the South are taking steps that will be of great interest to the South and West, if there proves to be a unity of feeling on the subject, by the merchants of those sections of our country. When we consider the numerous difficulties that attend the present course of trade, by making the North and East the channels of exportation, it is somewhat surprising that an effort has not been made before this to open a direct communication from our Southern ports to Europe, suited to the mercantile interests of the country. It is really surprising that the South has been made "hewers of wood," as it were, for the purpose of building up Northern capitalists and Northern ports, when they possess the same natural advantages and capital necessary to the carrying trade. It is not for the want of enterprise, capital or good vessels, but on account of giving encouragement to the North, in return for their liberal encouragement of the planting interest of the South, which commenced at an early period of our commercial transactions. This favor from the South has led the North to believe that it is a duty incumbent on the South to give them the disposal of the Southern staple to foreigners; or that the intercourse is so permanently established that it cannot be broken; hence the tax that is laid upon us by them. We hope that the Convention will be well attended.