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Continued from our last.

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JAMES BARBOUR, Esq.

BALTIMORE, DEC 14TH, 1831

The Convention assembled today, at
12 o'clock, and was opened with prayer
by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, of the Protestant
Episcopal Church.

The invitation to certain distinguish-
ed individuals, to take seats in the Convention
Chamber, was extended to the late Governor
Coates, of Illinois, and to the Senators
of the United States Daniel Webster and
Ezekiel F. Chambers, (now in this city.)
The Chair was also authorized to extend
the invitation to any other member of
Congress who might arrive in the city dur-
ing the setting of the Convention.

The additional delegates appeared, and
took their seats, viz:

From Virginia.—Philip L. Cohen, James
Carr, A. B. Sponner.

From Ohio.—Jeremiah Morrow, Ethan
A. Stone, Samuel W. Davis, Robert A.
Thurston.

From North Carolina.—John Hamilton.

From New York.—Wm. J. Bacon, Jere-
miah H. Pierson.

From Tennessee.—Boyd McNairy.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, the aforenam-
ed gentlemen then had an opportunity
given them to raise and record their vote
for such individual as they might prefer
for President of the United States, who
severally pronounced their preference for
HENRY CLAY.

The Committee appointed by the Presi-
dent to wait upon Charles Carroll, of Car-
rollton, and invite him to take a seat in
the Convention, reported that they had
performed that duty, but that, on account
of the inclemency of the weather, that
venerable individual would be prevented
from attending.

Mr. Dearborn, from the Committee ap-
pointed to wait upon Mr. CLAY, and ac-
quaint him with his unanimous nomination
to the office of President of the United
States, by this Convention, laid before the
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WASHINGTON 13th Dec. 1831.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to ac-
knowledge the receipt of the note which,
as a committee of the Convention of National
Republican Delegates now assem-
bled in Baltimore, you addressed to me,
stating that I had been this day unanimously
nominated by the Convention as a
candidate for the office of President of
the United States.

This manifestation of the confidence of
a body so distinguished, is received, gentle-
men, with lively sensibility and pro-
found gratitude. Although I should have
been glad if the Convention had design-
ated some citizen of the United States
more competent than myself to be the in-
strument of accomplishing the patriotic
objects which they have in view, I do not
feel at liberty to decline their nomination.

With my respectful and cordial acknowledg-
ments, you will be pleased to communicate
to the Convention my acceptance of
their nomination, with the assurance that
whatever may be the event of it, our com-
mon country shall ever find me faithful to
the Union, and the Constitution, to the
principles of public liberty, and to those
great measures of National policy which
have made us a people, prosperous, re-
spected and powerful.

Accept, gentlemen, of my thanks for
the friendly manner in which you have
conveyed the act and sentiments of the
Convention.

I am with high respect,

Your obedient servant,

H. CLAY.

Messrs. PETER R. LIVINGSTON, &c. &c.

On motion of Mr. Bradish of New
York,

Resolved, That this Convention do now
proceed to nominate a candidate of the Na-
tional Republican Party to fill the office
of Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Boyd McNairy, of Tennessee, then
nominated JOHN SERGEANT, of Pennsylva-
nia as a suitable candidate for that important
station, remarking that Mr. S. was too
well known to require any eulogy from him.

The nomination was seconded by Mr.
Jones, of Washington, who, in a speech of
considerable length, remarked upon the
past and present state of the nation, and
referred to the object of the present Con-
vention, as calculated, by its measures, to
have a most happy effect upon the desti-
nies of the Republic.

On motion of Mr. William Halstead, of
New Jersey, the same course was directed
to be pursued in nominating for the
Vice Presidency, as was done yesterday in
nominating for President. Whereupon,

The delegates were all called over by
name, and each one rose as he was called,
and signified his preference for John Ser-
geant, of Pennsylvania.

So JOHN SERGEANT, of Pennsylvania,
was nominated by the Convention for Vice
President of the United States, with the
same unanimity which had already attend-
ed the nomination of HENRY CLAY for the
Presidency—160 persons this day answer-
ing to their names.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, of Virginia,
a Committee of five persons was ordered
to be appointed by the Chair, to inform
Mr. Sergeant of his nomination. The
committee appointed consisted of Mr. La-
cock, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Stanard of Vir-
ginia, Mr. Jones, of the District of Colum-
bia, Mr. Stone, of New York, and Mr.
Morrow, of Ohio.

Mr. EVERETT stated that it was probable
the Committee appointed to draught an
address to the People of the United States
would make their report to-morrow.

Mr. Burke moved for the appointment
of a Committee to ascertain what would
be the probable expenses incurred by the
Convention, and to make provision for
paying them. Upon which,

Mr. John B. Morris, of Baltimore, rose
and stated, that so far as the place of meet-
ing and other accommodations of the Con-
vention were concerned, or provision was
necessary, the citizens of Baltimore having,
so far as in their power, made all the
necessary arrangements for reimbursing
expenses.

On motion of Mr. Dearborn, it was then
Resolved unanimously. That the thanks
of this Convention be tendered to the
citizens of Baltimore, who have so kindly
provided for the accommodation of the
Convention, and for every other kindness
received at their hands and that the Chair
be the organ of communication of this res-
olution.

Mr. EVERETT having suggested that
other expenses had been incurred by the
Convention, which would render necessary
the appointment of a committee, the
Chair accordingly named five persons to
compose it.

Mr. LIVINGSTON, of New York, alluding
to the disappointment of the Convention,
in not seeing the venerable Charles
Carroll, a gratification which they had
been denied by the severity of the weather,
moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of — be
appointed to wait upon the Hon. Charles
Carroll, the surviving patriot who signed
the Declaration of our Independence, to
know at what time and place it would be
agreeable to him to receive the members
of the National Republican Convention,
who wish to tender to him their best feel-
ings and high sense of gratitude for his
patriotic services.

Mr. COMBS, of Ky. said he should be
gratified, and considered it as nothing
more than due to the distinguished individual
concerned, that the blank in the resolu-
tion should be filled with the words
"one member from each State, and one from
the District of Columbia." He there-
fore moved the insertion of those words.

The motion was accepted by the mover,
and, as amended, the resolution passed
unanimously, and a committee was accord-
ingly appointed by the respective dele-
gations.

Mr. COMBS stated that he had just re-
ceived a letter from two of his colleagues,
Messrs. Johnson and MOREHEAD, now on
their way, and who would probably be
here this evening, who had been reluctantly
detained by the inclemency of the weather.

His chief reason for mentioning
the circumstance, however, was that they
both assured him they were decided-
ly in favor of the nomination of HENRY
CLAY, for the Presidency.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL, of Pa. it
was ordered that when the Convention
adjourn this day, it will adjourn to meet
to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

The Convention then adjourned.

An Appalling Fact.—We see it stated in
an Address to the citizens of Pennsylvania
that all the signers of the declaration
of independence were Freemasons, except
four. That Washington, Franklin, Green,
Warren, and all the other General officers
of the Revolution, were Freemasons, with
the exception of Benedict Arnold the
traitor.—*Evening Green Pub. Ad.*

FREE TRADE IN FLOUR.

Notwithstanding the losses which the
shippers of flour to England met with last
year, under the expectation that the star-
ving point would be reached, we see by
the Liverpool papers that the like ship-
ments have been made lately, under the
belief that starvation will really come this
time, much as men who lose money by
gambling, venture again in hopes of win-
ning back the loss. The Liverpool Albi-
on of the 26th September, says—"The

absurd laws which govern the trade in
foreign corn have not a little contributed
to glut the warehouses in this port. The
quantity of foreign grain and flour in store
is unprecedented, and there seems but little
chance of the duties being lowered so as
to allow it to go into consumption for
many months to come." So it seems that
flour is piled into the warehouses, under
heavy bonds not to be used until the star-