

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MICHIGAN, HELD AT DETROIT,

APPROVING

*The plan of adjustment recommended by the Committee of Thirteen for
the settlement of the slavery question.*

JUNE 17, 1850.

Ordered to lie on the table.

JUNE 28, 1850.

Ordered to be printed.

Meeting in favor of the "Compromise."

Pursuant to call, the members and officers of the State Constitutional Convention now in session at the seat of government, friendly to the passage of the "compromise bill" under consideration in the United States Senate, met in the hall of the House of Representatives on the 10th instant.

General Witherell, of Wayne, called the meeting to order, and moved that his Excellency Governor Barry be invited to take the chair.

On motion of Mr. Storey, of Jackson, a committee of two was appointed to wait upon the governor, inform him of the action of the meeting, and conduct him to the chair. Committee, Messrs. Storey and Butterfield.

The governor having been conducted to the chair, on motion of Mr. Hanscom, of Oakland, W. F. Storey was appointed secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chair—

Mr. Storey, of Jackson, said that, at the suggestion of several members of the convention, he had drawn some resolutions which he believed embodied the democratic sentiment of the State; and that, if there was no objection, he would read them.

The resolutions having been read, Mr. Hanscom, of Oakland, moved that they be referred to a committee of seven, to be appointed by the Chair.

The motion was carried, and Messrs. Hanscom, Witherell, Crary, Storey, Walker, Britain, and S. Clark were appointed.

After a recess of twenty minutes, the meeting reassembled, and Mr. Hanscom, from the committee on resolutions, reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the great doctrine of congressional non-intervention in the domestic legislation of the territories harmonizes with the true spirit of

our institutions, and is the only platform upon which the democratic party of the Union can maintain its nationality and its ascendancy.

Resolved, That the general provisions contained in the "compromise bill," now under consideration in the United States Senate, ought to receive the sanction of Congress. The bill is conceived in a spirit of harmony—its provisions respect and preserve the rights of the different sections of the Union, and the tendency of its passage will be to allay agitation, secure peace and tranquillity, and set at rest the only question which threatens the stability of the Union.

Resolved, That the democracy of Michigan have witnessed with unmingled and heartfelt pride the patriotic efforts of our distinguished senator, General Lewis Cass, in behalf of the National Union. Placing himself in the breach, and stemming a current of popular prejudice and fanaticism as relentless and proscriptive in its character as it is sectional and destructive in its objects, he has achieved a moral triumph no less creditable to himself than it is salutary in its results upon the permanency of our republican form of government.

Resolved, That Henry Clay, who, in the evening of his days, has left the retirement which is so congenial to his declining years, and become a pacificator in the difficulties which divide the different sections of the country, is entitled to the thanks of the American people.

Resolved, That the chairman be requested to transmit to each of our senators and representatives in Congress copies of the proceedings of this meeting, with a request that the same be laid before the honorable bodies of which they are members.

On motion of General Witherell, these proceedings were ordered to be published.

On motion of Mr. J. D. Pierce, of Calhoun, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN S. BARRY, *Chairman*.

W. F. STOREY, *Secretary*.